

SPIRITUAL REPOSITORY.

A TABLE

Of all the Feasts that are observed by the Catholics of England; with an obligation of hearing Mass and resting from servile works.

All the Sundays in the year.

- JAN. 1. The Circumcision of our Lord, or New-year's-day.
6. The Epiphany, or Twelfth-day.
Ascension-day.
Corpus Christi-day.
JUNE 29. Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles.
AUG. 15. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Nov. 1. All Saints.
DEC. 25. Christmas-day.

FASTING DAYS.

1. The forty days of Lents. 2. The Ember-days, which are the *Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays* of the first week in Lent; of Pentecost-week; of the third week in September; and of the third week in Advent. 3. The *Wednesdays and Fridays* of the four weeks of Advent. 4. The *Vigils or Eves* of Pentecost; of the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul; of the Assumption; of All Saints; and of Christmas-day.

N.B. When any fasting-day falls on a Sunday, the fast is observed on the previous Saturday.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.

1. The *Sundays* in Lent. 2. The *Fridays* out of Lent. 3. All fasting days: Christmas-day is never a day of abstinence.

The following dispensations were granted in the Midland District for the Lent of 1835.

1. *Flesh meat* is allowed on all *Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays*: beginning with the first Sunday in Lent, and ending with Palm Sunday inclusively: but this permission is granted for *once* only in the day on *Tuesdays and Thursdays*.

2. *Eggs* are allowed at the single meal of those who are bound to fast, and at the discretion of those who are not so bound, on all days excepting *Ash Wednesday*, and the four last days in *Holy Week*.

3. *Cheese* under the same circumstances is allowed on all days except *Ash Wednesday* and *Good Friday*.

TABLE OF MOVEABLE FEASTS.

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Year of our Lord.	Septua- gesima Sunday.	Ash Wed- nesday.	Easter Sunday	Ascen- sion day	Whit- Sunday.	Corpus- Christi.	Sun- days after Pent.	First Sunday in Advent.
1844	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 7	May 16	May 26	June 6	26	Dec. 1
1845	Jan. 19	Feb. 5	Mar. 23	May 1	May 11	May 22	28	Dec. 30
1846	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1847	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1848	Feb. 20	Mar. 8	Apr. 23	June 1	June 11	June 22	2	Dec. 3
1849	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1850	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1851	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1852	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 11	May 20	May 30	June 10	25	Nov. 28
1853	Jan. 23	Feb. 9	Mar. 27	May 5	May 15	June 26	27	Nov. 27
1854	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1855	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1856	Jan. 20	Feb. 6	Mar. 23	May 1	May 11	May 22	28	Nov. 30
1857	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Apr. 12	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1858	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Apr. 4	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1859	Feb. 20	Mar. 9	Apr. 24	June 2	June 12	June 23	23	Nov. 27
1860	Feb. 4	Feb. 21	Apr. 8	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1861	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1862	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Apr. 20	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1863	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Apr. 4	May 14	May 24	June 4	28	Dec. 1
1864	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 28	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1865	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Apr. 16	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1866	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	Apr. 1	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1867	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	Apr. 21	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1868	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	Apr. 13	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1869	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 28	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1870	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Apr. 17	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1871	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	Apr. 9	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3

NOTE.—The first year in each of the above divisions will be
Leap Year.

LAY BAPTISM.

The manner of lay persons Baptising an Infant in case of danger of death.

Take common water, pour it on the head or face of the child, and while you are pouring it, say the following words :

“ I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.”

N. B. Any person, whether man, woman, or child, may baptize an Infant in case of danger of death, that is, when there is reason to think that the child will not live till a Catholic Priest can come to baptize it.

PLENARY INDULGENCES,

Granted to the Faithful in the four Districts of England.

I. Christmas-day, and the twelve days following, to the day of the Epiphany, inclusively.

II. The first Week of Lent, beginning with the first Sunday, and ending with the second Sunday, inclusively.

III. Easter, *i. e.* from Palm-Sunday, inclusively, to Low-Sunday, inclusively.

IV. From Whit-Sunday, inclusively, to the end of the Octave of Corpus Christi.

V. The Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, and during the Octave.

VI. From the Sunday, inclusively, preceding the Festival of the Assumption of the B. V. Mary to the 22nd day of August, inclusively. But if the Festival of the Assumption fall on a Sunday, the Indulgence begins on that day.

VII. From the Sunday, inclusively, preceding the Festival of St. Michael to the Sunday following

inclusively. But if the Festival of St. Michael fall on a Sunday, the Indulgence begins on that day.

VIII. From the Sunday, inclusively, preceding the Festival of All-Saints, to the 8th day of November, inclusively. But if the Feast of All-Saints fall on a Sunday, the Indulgence begins on that day.

The Conditions of II. IV. and VIII. are,

1. That the faithful confess their sins, with sincere repentance, to a Priest approved by the Bishop.
2. That they worthily receive the Holy Communion.
3. That if their state and condition allow it, they give some alms to the poor, either on the eve or on the day of their communion.
4. That on the day of their communion, they offer up some prayers to God, for the whole state of the Catholic Church throughout the world ; for bringing back all straying souls to the fold of Christ ; for the general peace of Christendom, and for the blessing of God upon this nation.

The Conditions of I. III. VI. and VII. are,

1. That the faithful confess their sins, with sincere repentance, to a Priest approved by the Bishop.
2. That they worthily receive the Holy Communion.
3. That they visit some Chapel or Oratory, where Mass is celebrated, and pray to God for the peace of his Church.
4. That they be in a readiness of mind to assist the poor with alms in proportion to their abilities ; or to frequent catechism and sermons as often as they can do it without great inconvenience ; or to afford their assistance to the sick, or to such as are near their end, out of the motive of Christian charity.

Note. It is not required for gaining these four Indulgences granted by Pope Benedict XIV. that these works of mercy, corporal or spiritual, or the assisting at catechism or sermons, be done on the same day with the communion; but only that persons be then in a disposition or readiness of mind to do these things, or some of them at least, when they may have an opportunity.

The Conditions of the V. are,

1. That the faithful confess their sins, with sincere repentance, to a Priest approved by the Bishop.
2. That they worthily receive the Holy Communion.
3. That for some space of time they pray to God, with a sincere heart, for the conversion of Infidels and Heretics, and for the free propagation of the Holy Faith.

MORNING PRAYERS.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe in God, &c.

An Act of Faith, in the presence of God.

O my God ! I firmly believe that thou art here, and perfectly seest me, and that thou observest all my actions, all my thoughts, and the most secret motions of my heart. Canst thou suffer in thy holy presence a sinner who has so often offended thee ? It is thy goodness and liberality which invite and command my poverty to come to thee. Give me therefore grace to pray as I ought.

Come, O Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

V. Send forth thy Spirit, and our hearts will be regenerated.

R. And thou wilt renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY.

O God! who, by the light of the Holy Ghost, didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, give us, by this same Holy Spirit. a love of what is right and just, and the constant enjoyment of his consolations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

An Act of Adoration and Thanksgiving.

O my God! I adore thee as my Creator and my sovereign good; and with all possible thanksgiving I acknowledge the many benefits which thou hast conferred upon me, in relation both to body and soul. Thou hast created me out of nothing; redeemed me by the death of thy Son, sanctified me by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, preserved me from innumerable dangers, and from hell-fire, which I have deserved by my sins. Thou knowest that I am an unprofitable and an ungrateful servant. Nevertheless thou hast all this time had patience with me; thou hast preserved me the past night, and given me the present day; that I may labour with more care and diligence than I have hitherto done, to obtain the crown of immortal glory, which thy goodness has prepared for me. O my God! how good thou art towards me! what return can I make for so many benefits? I will bless thy holy name, and serve thee all the days of my life.

Here call to mind the chief sins of your past life, and make resolutions against the temptations and dangerous occasions which you may perhaps meet with in the day.

An Act of Contrition with good Resolutions.

O my God ! how ill have I hitherto lived ! how little have I done for thee ! I am heartily sorry that I have lost that time in offending thee, which thy infinite goodness gave me to be employed in thy service in advancing the good of my soul, and in purchasing everlasting life. I detest all the sins which I have committed against thy divine Majesty ; I am sorry that I have offended thee, because thou art infinitely good, and sin is exceedingly displeasing to thee ; I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and I firmly purpose, by the help of thy grace, to serve thee more faithfully for the future. Receive, I beseech thee, the remainder of my life ; I renew my promises made in baptism : I renounce the devil, his works, and all his pomps : I now begin and will endeavour to spend this day according to thy holy will, by performing my actions, so that they may be more pleasing to thee. I will take particular care to avoid the failings I am so apt to commit, and to exercise the virtues which are most suitable to my state and employments.

AN OBLATION.

I offer to thee, O my God ! the life and death of thy only Son ; and with them these my affections and resolutions, my thoughts, words, deeds, and sufferings of this day, and all my life, in honor of thy adorable Majesty, in thanksgiving for all thy benefits, in satisfaction for my sins, and to obtain

the assistance of thy grace, that persevering to the end in doing thy holy will, I may love and enjoy thee for ever in thy glory.

A PETITION.

Thou knowest, O God ! how weak and unable I am to do good. Leave me not to myself, but take me into thy protection, and give me grace faithfully to comply with these holy resolutions. Enlighten my understanding with a lively faith, raise up my will to a firm hope, and inflame it with an ardent charity.

Strengthen my weakness, and cure the corruption of my heart ; grant that overcoming my enemies, both visible and invisible, I may make good use of thy grace ; and vouchsafe to add to these blessings the inestimable gift of final perseverance.

V. To thee, O Lord, I have raised my voice ;

R. And early in the morning my prayer shall come before thee.

V. Let my mouth be ever filled with thy praise.

R. That I may publish thy glory, and all the day thy greatness.

V. Turn thy face, O Lord, away from my sins ;

R. And blot out all my iniquities.

V. Create in me a clean heart, O God ;

R. And renew a right spirit in me.

V. Cast me not out of thy sight :

R. And take not thy holy Spirit from me.

V. Restore unto me the joy of thy saving mercy :

R. And strengthen me with thy sovereign Spirit.

- V. Our succour is in the name of our Lord,
 R. Who hath made both heaven and earth.
 V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day,
 R. To preserve us from all sin.
 V. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
 R. Have mercy on us.
 V. May thy mercy, O Lord, be poured upon us.
 R. According to the hopes we have placed in thee.
 V. O Lord, hear my prayer;
 R. And let my supplication come to thee.

LET US PRAY.

Almighty Lord and God ! who hast brought us to the beginning of this day, let thy powerful grace so conduct us through it, that we may not fall into any sin ; and that all our thoughts, words, and actions, may be regulated according to the rules of thy heavenly justice, and tend to the observance of thy holy law, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET US PRAY.

Lord God, the King of heaven and earth, vouchsafe this day to rule and sanctify, to direct and govern our souls and bodies, our senses, words, and actions, in conformity with thy law and in a strict obedience to thy commands ; that by the help of thy grace, O Saviour of the world, we may be fenced and freed from all evil, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

LET US PRAY.

O God, who out of thy unspeakable Providence art pleased to appoint thy holy angels to be our

guardians, give ear to the supplications which we make for a continuance of their protection, and that we may be added to their joyful number, for all eternity. *Amen.*

May the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints, be our intercessors with the Lord, that we may be succoured and secured by him, who lives and reigns through everlasting ages. *Amen.*

May the Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evils, and bring us to everlasting life: and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

THE ANGELUS DOMINI.

To be said Morning, Noon, and Night, in Memory of our Saviour's becoming Man for our Salvation.

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, &c.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord, may it be done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, &c.

And the word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us. Hail Mary, &c.

LET US PRAY.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS BEFORE MASS.

ON SUNDAYS.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—*Amen.*

Priest—O Lord, open thou our lips :

Congregation—And our mouths shall declare thy praise.

P—O God, incline unto mine aid.

C—O Lord, make haste to help me.

P—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

C—As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

P—Come, let us adore the God that made us.

C—Come, let us adore the God that made us.

PSALM 94. *Venite exultemus.*

P—Come, let us praise the Lord with joy, let us joyfully sing to God our Saviour, let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a jubilation to him with psalms.

C—Come, let us adore the God that made us.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods : for the Lord will not reject his people : for in his hands are all the ends of the earth, and the heights of the mountains are his.

Come, let us adore the God that made us.

For the sea is his, and he made it ; and his hands have formed the dry land. Come, let us

adore and fall down before God, let us weep before the Lord that made us; for he is the Lord our God, and we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Come, let us adore the God that made us.

To-day, if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, according to the day of temptation in the wilderness, where your fathers tempted me, they proved me and saw my works.

Come, let us adore the God that made us.

Forty years long was I offended with that generation; and I said, these men always err in their hearts; and they have not known my ways; so I swore in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.

Come, let us adore the God that made us.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Come, let us adore the God that made us.

THE ANTHEM.

This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice therein.—PSALM 117.

PSALM 1. *Beatus vir.*

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the way of the Lord: and on his law doth he meditate both day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which bringeth forth its fruit in due season.

And his leaf shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Not so the wicked, not so ; but *they are* like the dust which the wind driveth from the face of the earth.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the Judgment ; nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Glory be, &c.

CANTICLE. 1 CHRON. xxix. *Benedictus es Domine.*

Blessed art thou, O Lord, the God of Israel, our Father, from eternity to eternity.

Thine, O Lord, is magnificence and power, and glory, and victory, and to thee is praise.

For all that is in heaven and on the earth is thine ; Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art above all princes.

Thine are riches, and thine is glory : thou hast dominion over all.

In thy hand is power and might : in thy hand greatness, and the empire of all things.

Now therefore, O God, we give thanks to thee ; and we praise thy glorious name.

Glory be, &c.

PSALM 116. *Laudate Dominum omnes gentes.*

Praise the Lord all ye nations : praise him all ye people.

For his mercy is confirmed upon us ; and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

Glory be, &c.

THE ANTHEM.

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THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

DEUTERONOMY, CHAP. 6. VER. 4.

Hear, O Israel : the Lord our God is one Lord. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole strength ; and these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children ; and thou shalt meditate upon them sitting in thy house, and walking on thy journey ; when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

C—Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN.

To God, from whom all blessings flow,
On ev'ry creature here below,
Again, on this returning day,
Our homage we are called to pay.

But chiefly let us join to sing
The triumphs of our God and King ;
Who by the cross subdu'd his foes,
And from the grave victorious rose.

When first array'd in order bright,
The heavens and earth were brought to light ;

When first the world's firm base was laid,
What mighty pow'r was then display'd !

But when his Son, by sinners slain,
Th' Almighty Father rais'd again ;
That Son, who our redemption paid,
What boundless love was there display'd !

Emerging from the womb of night,
When first creation sprang to light ;
The beauteous work his hand had rais'd
The great Creator saw and prais'd.

But how much more did he approve
The wondrous work ! when by his Love,
And by his Son's most sacred blood,
The ransom'd world before him stood.

The beauties which his works display,
Are seen in each returning day ;
From them, to him who rules the skies,
The raptur'd soul is taught to rise.

But Christ, the light of ev'ry breast,
In whom the Father shines confessed ;
O wond'rous love ! gives us to see
Our God cloth'd with mortality.

O sacred Three and One, give ear
Unto thy people's fervent pray'r ;
Grant them to flee from all that's ill,
And ever to obey thy will. *Amen.*

V—Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, O Lord.

R—They shall praise thee for ever and ever.
PSALM 83.

THE ANTHEM.

Enlighten those that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death ; and, direct our feet into the ways of peace, O God of Israel.

THE CANTICLE. *Benedictus*.—*Luke i. 68.*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because he hath visited and wrought the redemption of his people.

And hath raised up a horn of salvation to us, in the house of David his servant :

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, who have been from the beginning :

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us :

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant :

According to the oath which he swore to Abraham our father, that he would grant to us :

That being delivered from the hand of our enemies, we might serve him without fear,

In holiness and justice before him, all our days.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

To give the knowledge of salvation to his people, unto the remission of their sins.

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient from on high hath visited us.

To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : to direct our feet into the ways of peace.

Glory be, &c.

THE ANTHEM.

Enlighten those that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death ; and direct our feet into the ways of peace, O God of Israel.

P—The Lord be with you :

C—And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and eternal God ! who hast appointed us six days, in which we may labour, and hast consecrated the seventh to thyself ; grant, we beseech thee, that, according as thou hast commanded, we may sanctify this day, by devoting it entirely to thy love and service. Mercifully forgive us all our past neglect in this kind ; pardon the sins we have been guilty of during the course of the week, and give us grace to avoid them for the future. Make us sensible, O God, of the daily blessings we receive from thy bounty ; that as we know thee by faith, we may love thee by charity ; and fixing all our hopes on the happiness of a future life, we may patiently suffer, in submission to thy holy will, what thou now permitest, and come at length to the joys of thy heavenly kingdom, through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

P—The Lord be with you :

C—And with thy spirit.

P—Let us bless the Lord.

C—Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed ; save me, and I shall be saved ; for thou art my praise.—
JER. 17.

P—I said, O Lord, be thou merciful to me.

C—Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.—PSALM 40.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those that believe in thee, hear us, we beseech thee, in behalf of thy servants who are sick, for whom we humbly crave the help of thy mercy ; that their health may be restored, if it be expedient for them, and they may render thanks to thee in thy church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD.

PSALM 129. *De profundis.*

From the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice,

May thine ears be attentive to the voice of my petition.

If thou, O Lord, shalt observe iniquities ; Lord, who shall endure it ?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness, and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word : my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning-watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy : and with him there is a plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord.

And may perpetual light shine upon them.

LET US PRAY.

Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the souls of thy servants from all the chains of sin, that being dead to the world, they may live to thee : and whatever sins they have committed in this life through human frailty, do thou, in thy merciful goodness, forgive.

O God, the giver of pardon and lover of the salvation of mankind, we beseech thy clemency, to grant that the brethren of our congregation, relations, and benefactors, who are departed out of this life, the blessed Virgin Mary, and all thy saints praying for them, may come to the fellowship of eternal happiness.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain that

pardon, which they have always desired, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

O Almighty and eternal God, grant to us an increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and, that we may deserve to obtain what thou promisest, make us to love what thou commandest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

An Act of Faith.

I firmly believe that there is only one God, that he is my first beginning and last end, and that in God there are three distinct persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; that the Son took to himself the nature of man, and died upon a cross for the salvation of all mankind; I believe that God will reward the good in heaven, and punish the wicked in hell: and I believe these, and all the other sacred truths, which the Catholic Church believes and teaches, because God has revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

C—Grant, O God, that we may humbly receive and firmly hold fast all those truths, which thou hast revealed, and thy church has proposed to our belief.

An Act of Hope.

O God! relying upon thy goodness, power, and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my only Redeemer.

C—This hope thus grounded on thy mercy, thy power, and thy promises, still more, O God, confirm and strengthen in us.

An Act of Charity.

O God ! I love thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because thou art infinitely good and deserving of all love ; I also love my neighbour as myself, for the love of thee : I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

C—Thus only, O God, can we satisfy our duty, of loving thee above all things, and our neighbour as ourselves.

An Act of Contrition.

O God ! I abhor and detest all my sins, and I am heartily sorry for them, not only for the fear of punishment, or the hope of reward, but chiefly because by sinning I have offended thee, who art infinitely good, and whom I love above all things. I firmly purpose, by the assistance of thy divine grace, to avoid all occasions of sin, and never more to break thy commandments.

C—Wherefore, O God, we come before thee this day, to beg pardon of all our past transgressions, and to implore thine assistance for the time to come.

A Prayer before Mass.

And now, O God, behold we thy people presume to appear before thee this day, to offer up to thee, by the hands of thy minister, and by the hands of our great High-priest, Jesus Christ thy Son, the unbloody sacrifice of his body and blood, as a perpetual commemoration of his passion and death, his resurrection and ascension. United therefore with this our Mediator, and perpetual

Intercessor, and with his whole church in heaven and on earth, we offer to thee, O Holy Lord, Almighty Father, and Eternal God, this pure sacrifice and spotless victim.

FIRST—for thy own honour, praise, adoration, and glory. Prostrate before thee, sensible of our own unworthiness, and conscious of our absolute dependance on thee, we here acknowledge thee to be the great Arbiter of life and death; we adore thee as the supreme Ruler of us and all things.

SECONDLY—calling to mind, with the greatest gratitude, the innumerable benefits which we have received from thy bounty, in our creation, redemption, and preservation, we here offer thee in return this pure oblation, as a sacrifice of universal thanksgiving, for all that mercy, grace, and salvation, which have been derived from this inexhaustible source upon us and all thy creatures.

But here, O God, the consciousness of our manifold crimes and abominations forces us to confess our unworthiness to appear before thee. But is not Jesus the propitiation, not only for our sins, but for those of the whole world? Him then we offer to thee, in the THIRD place, who has cancelled the hand-writing that was against us, and whose blood is sufficient to wash away the crimes and iniquities of a thousand worlds, that, through him, we may obtain mercy, pardon, and full remission of all our sins, together with a discharge from all the punishments which we have deserved by them.

FOURTHLY—acknowledging that nothing is granted by thee to man, but through the merits of the passion and death of thy Son ; we here offer thee this same victim of our redemption, for obtaining all those graces and blessings of which we stand so much in need.—Look down then, O merciful Father, upon thy Christ ; and, for his sake, look down upon us and our necessities. Exalt and propagate throughout the whole world thy holy Catholic Church ; sanctify it in all truth ; maintain it in all holiness, unity, and peace ; and preserve our Apostolic Prelate, our Bishop, and all Ecclesiastical Orders in holy religion.

O Father of light, and God of all truth, purify the whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions, and vice : extend thy mercy to all those who sit in darkness and in the shades of death ; to all those nations who know not thee, nor thy sacred truths. Bring back to thee and to thy church all those deluded souls who have gone astray from the paths of unity and truth, into the by-ways of error, or schism : dispel their darkness by thy heavenly light ; give them an humble and docile heart ; give them a strong desire of finding out the truth, and a strong grace to enable them to embrace it.

Have mercy also on thy servant Victoria, our Queen, and all the Royal Family : (on both Houses of Parliament) ; on all Magistrates, and men in power ; that they may be blessed with those lights and graces which are necessary for the discharge of their respective duties.

Preserve all Christendom, and in particular this nation, from all those evils which we have just reasons to fear are hanging over our heads, and which always threaten impenitent sinners; from all wars, plagues, famines, earthquakes, inundations, and fires; from mortality of cattle; from sudden and unprovided death; from thy many other judgments here, and from everlasting damnation hereafter.

Vouchsafe, O God, to give and preserve to us the fruits of the earth: comfort all that are under affliction, sickness, or pain: support all that are under temptation: reconcile all that are at variance: deliver all that are in slavery, or captivity: defend all that are in danger: grant relief to all in their respective necessities, and give a happy passage to all that are in their agony.

Look down, O God, in a particular manner on this congregation, and on me its pastor, and may religion, piety, and every virtue daily increase among us. Grant thy blessing to our parents, children, relations, friends, and benefactors; and have mercy, we beseech thee, on all our enemies.

Finally, we offer up to thee this great sacrifice of propitiation for the repose of all those who are gone before us in the profession of the true faith; for those especially for whom we are more immediately bound to pray; for all those to whom we have given scandal and offence; for all such as stand in the greatest need of this assistance, or who, at any time, have been members of this congregation.

To these, O God, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ORDER AND EXPLANATION
OF THE
SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

1. *Sacrifice* is the highest act of religion that can be offered to Almighty God. By sacrifice we acknowledge and adore him as the supreme and absolute lord and master of us and all things, we profess our entire dependance upon him, we pay him our homage, we offer an atonement for sin, we invoke his assistance.

2. In all the known religions, whether true or false, of past ages, sacrifice formed an essential part. In the law of nature, Abel, Abraham, Melchisedech, &c. offered sacrifice. In the Jewish law, the Almighty himself prescribed a variety of sacrifices; he detailed the end for which they were to be offered, and the manner of offering.

3. These different sacrifices were but figures of a sacrifice to come, viz. that of *Jesus Christ*. They were acceptable to the Divine Majesty, not by reason of any intrinsic worth in the things offered, but only in consideration of the *faith* of the offerers in the Redeemer to come, and of the infinite *merits* of his future sacrifice.

4. At the appointed time, Jesus Christ our Saviour appeared upon earth, clothed in human flesh, and generously (such was his boundless love for fallen man) offered himself on the cross a victim

of atonement for the sins of the whole world. By this one offering our redemption was accomplished, the full price of our ransom was paid, mercy, grace, and salvation were purchased for us.

5. For the more plentiful *application* of the merits of his passion and death to our souls, he was, moreover, pleased, the night before he suffered, to institute the *blessed Eucharist*, in which he has bequeathed to us his sacred body and blood, as a *Sacrament* and as a *Sacrifice*. As a sacrament to be by us received for the food and nourishment of our souls; and as a sacrifice to be daily offered and presented by his ministers to his Father.

6. This Eucharistic sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ, offered under the *appearance* of bread and wine, in remembrance of his passion, is what we call the *Mass*. This is that *clean* oblation so distinctly foretold by the prophet Malachy: "From the rising of the sun even to the going down, my name is great among the Gentiles, and in every place there is a sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean offering." c. i. v. 11.

7. The sacrifice of the Mass is the same in substance with that of the cross. For in both, the *victim offered*, and the Priest or *principal offerer*, are the same, viz. Jesus Christ. The difference is only in the *manner* of offering. On the Cross, our Blessed Saviour actually shed his blood, and truly died for us: in the mass, this same body and this same blood are really and truly offered in sacrifice for us, though his body is only *mystically* broken,

and his blood *mystically* shed under the sacramental veils. Hence the former is called a *bloody*, the latter an *unbloody* sacrifice.

8. The sacrifice of the Mass being a solemn act of divine worship, can be offered to God *alone*. To offer it to any creature, though ever so exalted in sanctity and merit, would be a grievous sin of idolatry.

The Priest, having vested himself with the Cassock, Amice, Alb, girdle, maniple, stole, and chasuble, proceeds from the Sacristy to the Altar, on which he places the chalice, with the corporal, paten, and pall covered with a veil: and when the candles on the altar are lighted by the Acolythis, and the Missal opened, he descends to the lowest step and begins Mass, making the sign of the cross on himself, and saying:*

In Nomine Patris, et
Filii, et Spiritus Sancti.
Amen.

In the Name of the
Father, and of the Son,
&c. *Amen.*

Ant. Introibo ad ad-
tare Dei.

Anth. I will go unto
the altar of God.

R. Ad Deum, qui læ-
tificat juventutem meam

R. To God who re-
joiceth my youth.

PSALM XLII.

P. Judica me, Deus,
et discerne causam meam
de gente non sancta: ab
homine iniquo et doloso
erue me.

P. Judge me, O God,
and distinguish my cause
from the nation that is
not holy; from the un-
just and deceitful man
deliver me.

* St. Jerome says, that lighted candles were universally used during the divine offices, in the fourth century, in which he lived.

R. Quia tu es Deus, fortitudo mea, quare me repulisti? et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

P. Emitte lucem tuam, et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum, et in Tabernacula tua.

R. Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus, quare tristis es, anima mea? et quare conturbas me?

R. Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi, salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

P. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:

R. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. *Amen.*

R. For thou art my God, and my strength; why hast thou rejected me? and why do I go sorrowful, whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

P. Send forth thy light and thy truth: they have conducted me and brought me unto thy holy hill, and into thy Tabernacles.

R. And I will go unto the altar of God: to God, who rejoiceth my youth.

P. I will praise thee on the harp, O God, my God: why art thou sorrowful, O my soul? and why dost thou trouble me?

R. Hope in God, for him will I still praise: the salvation of my countenance, and my God.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

P. Introibo ad altare Dei.

R. Ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini,

R. Qui fecit cœlum et terram.

P. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, &c.

R. Misereatur tui omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis tuis, per ducat te ad vitam æternam.

P. *Amen.*

R. Confiteor Deo omnipotenti, beatæ Mariæ semper virgini, beato Michaeli Archangelo, beato Joanni Baptistæ, sanctis Apostolis Petro et Paulo, omnibus Sanctis et tibi Pater, quia peccavi nimis cogitatione verbo, et opere: mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. Ideo precor beatam Mariam semper Virginem, beatum Michaelem Archangelum, beatum Joannem Baptistam,

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God who re-joiceth my youth.

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

P. I confess to Almighty God, &c.

R. May Almighty God be merciful to thee, and having forgiven thee thy sins, bring thee to everlasting life. *Amen.*

R. I confess to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech the blessed Ma-

sanctos Apostolos Petrum et Paulum, omnes sanctos, et te Pater, orare, pro me ad Dominum Deum nostrum.

P. Misereatur vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducatur vos ad vitam æternam.

R. *Amen.*

P. Indulgentiam absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum, tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus. R. *Amen.*

P. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos :

R. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

P. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam :

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

P. Domine, exaudi orationem meam :

ry, ever a virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you, O Father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

P. May Almighty God be merciful unto you, and, having forgiven you your sins, bring you to everlasting life.

R. *Amen.*

P. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord grant us pardon and absolution, and the remission of our sins.

R. *Amen.*

P. O God, turn towards us, and enliven us :

R. And thy people will rejoice in thee.

P. Shew us thy mercy, O Lord :

R. And grant us thy salvation.

P. O. Lord, hear my prayer :

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

P. Dominus vobiscum :

P. The Lord be with you.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

*The Priest, going to the Altar, says, in a low voice, in Latin :**

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of thy saints, whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. *Amen.*

Going to the Epistle-side of the Altar he reads the Introit, which being different every day, the following may be said :

May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for ever. From the rising to the setting of the sun, all praise is due to the name of the Lord. Who is like the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, and looketh on the low things in heaven and on earth ! Glory be to the Father, &c.

* All the Mass is said by the Priest in Latin, from motives which, in the judgment of the Catholic Church, preponderate over the advantages which, some think, would result from its being said in the respective languages of each country.

P. Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
R. Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
P. Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
R. Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy.
P. Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy.
R. Christe eleison.	Christ have mercy.
P. Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
R. Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.
P. Kyrie eleison.	Lord have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

<p>Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax homi- nibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te; benedici- mus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te; Gratias agimus tibi propter mag- nam gloriam tuam, Do- mine Deus, Rex cœlestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris; Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostram; Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris miserere nobis; Quoniam solus sanctus; Tu solus Do- minus, Tu solus altissi-</p>	<p>Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise thee; We bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee; We give thee thanks for thy great glory O Lord God, heav- enly King, God the Father, Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers; who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us: For thou only art</p>
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mus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. <i>Amen.</i>	holy, Thou only art the Lord, Thou only, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, art most high, in the glory of God the Father. <i>Amen.</i>
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Turning towards the people, the Priest salutes them, saying:

P. Dominus vobiscum:	P. The Lord be with you :
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R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.
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The Collects are different every day ; and therefore the following may be said :

We humbly beseech thee, O Almighty and eternal God, mercifully to give ear to the prayers which thy servant offers to thee in the name of thy Church, and in behalf of us thy people ; accept them to the honour of thy name, and the good of our souls ; and grant us all those blessings which may any way contribute to our salvation, through, &c. *Amen.*

O God ! our refuge and our strength, listen to the humble prayers of thy church ; and as thou art the real mover of our virtuous feelings, grant that we may effectually obtain what we ask for with a lively faith, through our Lord, Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

Whilst the Priest lays his hands on the book, and reads the proper Epistle of the day, you may say :

Be thou, O Lord, eternally praised and blessed for having communicated thy spirit to the holy prophets and apostles, disclosing to them admirable secrets, redounding to thy glory and our great good. We firmly believe their word, because it is thine. Give us, we beseech thee, the happiness to understand from the Church, by their instructions, what is profitable, and grace to practise the same all our lives.

At the end of the Epistle, the Clerk answers

Deo gratias.

Thanks be to God.

During the Gradual or Tract, may be said :

How wonderful, O Lord, is thy name through the whole earth ! I will bless the Lord at all times : his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Be thou my God and my protector ; in thee alone I put my trust : O let me never be confounded.

Before the Gospel the Priest says :

Cleanse my heart and my lips, O Almighty God ! whodidst cleanse the lipsof the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal ; and vouchsafe, through thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily attend to thy holy gospel, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May the Lord be in my heart, and on my lips, that I may worthily, and in a becoming manner, attend to his gospel. *Amen.*

P. Dominus vobiscum.

P. The Lord be with you :

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. Sequentia (vel initium) sancti Evangelii secundum, &c.

R. Gloria tibi, Domine.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The continuation (or beginning) of the holy Gospel according to, &c.

R. Glory be to thee O Lord.

During the Gospel say :

Be thou ever adored and praised, O Lord, who, not content to instruct and inform us by thy prophets and apostles, hast even vouchsafed to speak to us by thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, commanding us by a voice from heaven to hear him: grant us, merciful God, the grace to profit by his divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of thee, dread Jesus, in thy gospel, is truth itself: nothing but wisdom in thy actions, power and goodness in thy miracles: light and instruction in thy words. With thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life; to whom shall we go but to thee, eternal fountain of Truth? I firmly believe, O God, all thou teachest, give me only grace to practise what thou commandest, and command what thou plearest.

At the end of the Gospel, answer :

R. Laus tibi, Christe.

R. Praise be to thee,
O Christ.

Then add, with the Priest, in a low voice :

May our sins be blotted out, by the words of the gospel.

THE NICENE CREED.

Credo in unum Deum
Patrem omnipotentem,
factorem cœli et terræ,
visibilium omnium et
invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum
Jesum Christum Filium
Dei unigenitum; et ex
Patre natum ante omnia
sæcula: Deum de Deo:
Lumende Lumine; De-
um verum de Deo vero;
genitum, non factum;
consubstantialem Patri:
per quem omnia facta
sunt: Qui propter nos
homines, et propter nos-
tram salutem, descendit
de cœlis; Et incarnatus
est de Spiritu Sancto, ex
Marie Virgine, ET HO-
MO FACTUS EST*.
Crucifixus etiam pro no-
bis sub Pontio Pilato,
passus et sepultus est;
et resurrexit tertia die
secundam Scripturas; et
ascendit in cælum, sedet

I believe in one God
the Father Almighty, the
Maker of heaven and
earth, and of all things
visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus
Christ, the only begotten
Son of God; and born of
the Father before all ages,
God of God; Light of
Light; true God of true
God; begotten, not made;
consubstantial to the Fa-
ther: by whom all things
were made: Who for us
men, and for our salvation
came down from heaven:
and became incarnate by
the Holy Ghost, of the
Virgin Mary, and WAS
MADE MAN. He was
crucified also for us, he
suffered under Pontius
Pilate, and was buried;
and the third day he rose
again according to the
Scriptures; and ascend-
ed into heaven, sitteth at

At these words the people kneel down to adore God,
and thank him for the ineffable Mystery of the Incar-
nation.

ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos; cujus regni non erit finis :

the right hand of the Father, and he is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end :

Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit: qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas: et unam sanctam Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum; et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi sæculi. *Amen.*

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: who, together with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified; who spoke by the prophets: and one holy Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins; and I expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

P. Dominus vobiscum :

P. The Lord be with you :

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

R. And with thy spirit.

The Priest then reads a short sentence from the sacred Scripture, which is called the Offertory; and as it varies with the day, you may say this short Prayer during it :

O my God, I sincerely offer myself and all I have to thee, to do and suffer whatever thou commandest or permittest. Receive my offering, and bear with my weakness, I most humbly beseech thee.

The Priest then offers the Bread to be consecrated, saying:

Accept, O holy Father, Almighty and eternal God, this unspotted Host, which I, thy unworthy servant, offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present; as also for all faithful Christians living and dead; that it may avail both me and them unto salvation in everlasting life. *Amen.*

He puts the Wine and Water into the Chalice, saying :

O God, who, in creating human nature, hast wonderfully dignified it, and still more wonderfully reformed it, grant that, by the mystery of this Water and Wine, we may be made partakers of the divine nature of him, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our human nature, namely, of Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

He offers the Chalice, saying :

We offer unto thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may ascend before thy divine Majesty, as a sweet perfume for our salvation, and that of the whole world. *Amen.*

When the Priest bows before the Altar, he says :

Accept us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility and contrition of heart, and grant, that the sacrifice which we offer this day in thy sight, may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

He blesses the Bread and Wine, saying :

Come, O Almighty and eternal God, the sanctifier, and bless this sacrifice, prepared for the glory of thy holy name.

Washing his Hands, he says, Psalm xxv. 6.

I will wash my hands amongst the innocent : and will encompass thy altar, O Lord ;

That I may hear the voice of praise, and publish all thy marvellous works.

Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house, and the place of the habitation of thy glory.

Destroy not my soul with the impious ; and my life with men of bloody minds ;

In whose hands are iniquities ; their right hand is filled with bribes.

But I have walked in my innocence : redeem me, and have mercy on me.

My feet have stood in the right path : in the assembly I will bless thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Bowing in the middle of the Altar, he says :

Receive, O Holy Trinity, this oblation which we make to thee, in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in honor of the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints ; that it may be available to their honor and our salvation ; and

may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Turning himself towards the People, he says :

Orate Fratres ut meum	Brethren, pray that
ac vestrum sacrificium	my sacrifice and yours
acceptabile fiat apud	maybe acceptable to God
Deum Patrem omnipoten-	the Father Almighty.
tem.	

R. Suscipiat Dominus	R. May the Lord re-
sacrificium de manibus	ceive the sacrifice from
tuis, ad laudem et glori-	thy hands, to the praise
am nominis sui, ad ulti-	and glory of his name,
mitatem quoque nostram,	and to our benefit, and
totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ	that of his holy Church.
sanctæ.	

As the next Prayers vary, you may say :

O most wise and bountiful Lord ! who, in this great sacrifice of the new law, hast multiplied thy former mercies, and caused it to answer the ends of the ancient sacrifices ; graciously hear the humble petitions which we here present before thee. Look not on us, O Lord, but on the divine victim which we offer, even thy beloved Son, in whom thou art well pleased ; and, for his sake, vouchsafe to grant whatever we ask of thee. Purify our consciences from the guilt of sin : clothe our souls with the robe of charity, that we may not be expelled from this heavenly feast : banish from our minds every shadow of infidelity and diffidence, that no objection of our weak understanding may

rise up against thy infallible word : remove all distractions from our imaginations, that no concern of the world may withdraw our attention from the great sacrifice, at which we are permitted to be present, and at which the angels assist with reverential awe. Drive away all tepidity from our hearts, that we may not be accursed by thee for doing thy work negligently. Fill our hearts with the love of thee, and a well-grounded hope, that they will burn with that celestial flame, which Jesus Christ came to spread over the earth, and which he so earnestly desired to see enkindled ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God.

THE PREFACE

On common Days which have none proper, and in Masses for the Dead.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum. R. <i>Amen.</i>	P. World without end. R. <i>Amen.</i>
P. Dominus vobis- cum :	P. The Lord be with you :
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spi- rit.
P. Sursum corda.	P. Raise up your hearts.
R. Habemus ad Do- minum:	R. We have raised them up to the Lord.
P. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.	P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. Dignum et justum
est.

R. It is meet and just.

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere, Domine sancte, Pater omnipotens, æterne Deus; per Christum Dominum nostrum, per quem, majestatem tuam laudant angeli, adorant dominationes, tremunt potestates, cœli cœlorumque virtutes, ac beata seraphim, socia exultatione concelebrant: cum quibus et nostros voces, ut admitti jubeas deprecamur, supplici confessione dicentes:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

It is truly meet and just, right and available to salvation, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Almighty Father, eternal God, through Christ our Lord, by whom the angels praise thy Majesty, the dominations adore thee, the powers tremble before thee, the heavens, the heavenly virtues, and blessed seraphim, with common jubilee, glorify thee, together with whom we beseech thee, that we may be admitted to join our humble voices, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Choir sings the Sanctus, or holy, holy, &c. as said by the Priest. The torch-bearers go into the Sacristy to bring their lighted torches, which they hold in their hands, kneeling round the altar, whilst the Priest pronounces the words of consecration. The thurifers also bring in the censers, in which they burn incense before the blessed sacrament. Immediately after the Priest has pronounced the words of consecration, he kneels in adoration, and then elevates successively the sacred host and chalice for the adoration of the people, whilst the bell is rung to call their attention. After the elevation, the Choir sings the Benedictus.*

THE CANON OF THE MASS.

We humbly pray and beseech thee, therefore, most merciful Father, thro' Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these Gifts, these Presents, these holy unspotted Sacrifices, which, in the first place, we offer thee for thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace; as also to preserve, unite, and govern it throughout the world, together

* It is a custom prescribed by the church to use many lights of torches, candles, and lamps, in honour of the adorable body and blood of Christ, whenever they are on the altar, or carried in processions. Whoever calls this a superstitious practice, should remember, that it was the order of God, that fire should always be kept burning before the ark. The use of incense is of the earliest date, as appears by the canons of the Apostles, which, though not composed by them, describe the discipline of the church during the three first centuries. This is confirmed by St. Ambrose, in his comments on the first chapter of St. Luke's gospel, and by the liturgies of St. Basil, St. Chrysostom, &c. It was prescribed in the old law in the 29th, 30th, and 40th chapters of Exodus.

with thy servant N. our Pope, and N. our Bishop, as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

A Commemoration of the Living.

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy servants, men and women, N. and N.

The Priest prays awhile in secret, for such as he intends to pray for :

And of all here present, whose Faith and Devotion are known unto thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves and friends, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their health and safety, and who now pay their vows to thee, the eternal, living and true God.

COMMUNICATING with, and honoring the memory, especially of the glorious Mary, ever a Virgin, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ ; as also of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thadeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and all thy saints ; through whose merits and prayers, grant that we may be always defended by the help of thy protection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Spreading his Hands over the oblation, he says :

We therefore beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our service, as also of

thy whole family ; dispose our days in thy peace, preserve us from eternal damnation, and rank us in the number of thine elect, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Which oblation do thou, O God, vouchsafe in all respects to bless, approve, ratify, and accept ; that it may be made for us the body and blood of thy most beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who, the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with his eyes lifted towards heaven, to thee, the Almighty God, his Father ; giving thanks, he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying : Take and eat ye all of this, for, this is my body.

Whilst the Priest kneels, adore the Sacred Host, and say :

Most adorable body, I adore thee with all the powers of my soul. O Lord, who hast given thyself entirely to us, grant that we may become entirely thine. I believe, O Lord, but do thou strengthen my faith.

Most merciful Saviour, be thou my protector, strengthen and defend me by thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death. *Amen.*

The Priest then says :

In like manner after he had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into his holy and venerable hands, giving thee likewise thanks, he blessed it,

and gave it to his disciples, saying :* 'Take and drink ye all of this, for this is the chalice of my blood, of the new and eternal testament ; the mystery of faith ; which shall be shed for you, and for many, to the remission of sins.

As often as ye do these things, ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

Here also, kneel and adore, when he elevates the Chalice, and say,

Most adorable blood ! that washest away all our sins, I adore thee : happy we, if we could return our life and blood for thine. Cleanse, O Jesus ! sanctify and preserve our souls to eternal life.

The Priest then continues ;

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, as also thy holy people, calling to mind the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son, our Lord, his resurrection from the dead, and admirable ascension into heaven, offer unto thy most excellent Majesty, of thy gifts bestowed upon us, a pure Host, a holy Host, an unspotted Host, the holy bread of eternal life, and the chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look, with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as thou was most graciously pleased to accept the

* It should be observed, that as the Mass is strictly the office of the Priest, at which the people only assist by their presence, they are not expected to repeat the words of consecration with him, but simply to bow down in respectful silence before God, all the powers of their souls, as the fittest manner of expressing their homage to the incarnate victim of the World.

gifts of thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which thy High Priest Melchisedech offered to thee, a holy sacrifice and unspotted Victim.

We most humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these things to be carried by the hands of thy holy angel to thy altar on high, in the sight of thy divine Majesty, that as many of us as shall partake of the most sacred body and blood of thy Son, at this altar, maybe filled with every heavenly grace and blessing, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Commemoration of the Dead.

Be mindful also, O Lord, of thy servants N. and N. who are gone before us with the sign of Faith, and rest in the sleep of peace.*

* The first Protestants were always in the habit of praying for the dead, and so natural to every Christian is this duty of charity, that it is still a very usual practice with many individuals among them to pray for their deceased parents and friends. In their first reformed liturgy, the priest says; *Let us pray for the whole state of the Christian Church, without the addition of militant here on earth*; which last words, in the Common Prayer now used, seem inserted to exclude prayer for the dead. Whereas the first edition in the Prayer for Christ's Church contains these words; *We commend unto thy mercy (O Lord) all other thy servants, which are departed hence from us with the sign of faith, and now do rest in the sleep of peace, grant unto them we beseech thee, thy mercy and everlasting peace, and that at the day of the general resurrection we, and all they that be of the mystical body of thy Son may altogether be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice*; Come unto me, &c.

Here particular mention is made of such of the Dead as are to be prayed for.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace, thro' the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Here striking his breast, the Priest says :

Also to us sinners, thy servants, confiding in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy Apostles and martyrs ; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Mercellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and with all thy saints ; into whose company, we beseech thee to admit us, not in consideration of our merit, but of thy own gratuitous pardon, through Christ our Lord :

By whom, O Lord, thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and give us all these good things. By him, and with him, and in him, there is to thee, O God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory.

P. Per omnia sæcula
sæculorum. R. *Amen.*

P. For ever and ever.
R. *Amen.*

OREMUS.

LET US PRAY.

Præceptis salutaribus
moniti, et divina institu-
tione formati, audemus
dicere :

Being instructed by
thy saving precepts, and
following thy divine di-
rections, we presume to
say :

The recommending the dead to the mercy of God, says a protestant writer, is nothing of the remains of popery, but a constant usage of the primitive Church ; and for this point might be produced unexceptionable authority.

Pater noster, qui es in
coelis ; sanctificetur no-
mentum : adveniat reg-
num tuum : fiat voluntas
tua sicut in cœlo, et in
terra. Panem nostrum
quotidianum da nobis
hodie : et dimitte nobis
debita nostra, sicut et
nos dimittimus debitori-
bus nostris : et ne nos
inducas in tentationem :

R. Sed libera nos a
malo. P. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art
in heaven ; hallowed be
thy name : thy kingdom
come : thy will be done
on earth, as it is in hea-
ven. Give us this day
our daily bread : and for-
give us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who
trespass against us : and
lead us not into tempta-
tion :

R. But deliver us from
evil. P. *Amen.*

Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech thee, from all
past, present, and future evils : and whilst the
blessed and glorious Mary, ever a Virgin, and
Mother of God, and thy holy Apostles, Peter and
Paul and Andrew, and all the saints, intercede
for us, mercifully grant peace in our days, that,
by the help of thy mercy, we may be always free
from sin, and secure from all disturbance, through
the same Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with thee, and the Holy Ghost,
one God,

P. Per omnia sæcula
sæculorum. R. *Amen.*

P. Pax Domini sit
semper vobiscum :

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

P. World without end :
R. *Amen.*

P. May the peace of
the Lord be always with
you :

R. And with thy spi-
rit.

Breaking the Host, he puts a Particle of it into the Chalice, saying:

May this mixing and consecrating of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to us that receive it available to everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Priest then strikes his breast, and says:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world ; have mercy on us.
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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona no- bis pacem.	Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world ; grant peace unto us.
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Then, in a low voice, he says:

O Lord Jesus Christ ! who didst say to thy Apostles, I leave you peace, I give you my peace ; regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church ; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will : who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of thy Father, hast by thy death, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, given life to the world, deliver me by this thy most sacred body and blood from all my iniquities, and from all evils ; and make me always

adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee : who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of, &c. *Amen.*

Let not the participation of thy body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation ; but, through thy mercy, may it be a safeguard and remedy, both of soul and body : who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Striking his breast, in an humble posture, he says thrice :

Domine, non sum dignus* ut intres sub tectum meum ; sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter my roof ; only say the word and my soul will be healed.

Receiving reverently both parts of the Host, he says :

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. *Amen.*

* The little bell rings at this time to give notice of the time of communion ; and that those who are to receive communion must approach to the altar. In the sacrifice of the mass, the priest consecrates and receives under both kinds ; both to copy exactly the example of our Lord at the last supper, and to represent mystically the sacrifice of the cross, when the body and the blood were really separated from each other. On other occasions, the clergy, as well as the laity, receive under one kind only. In fact whoever receives under one kind, receives the entire sacrament, because he receives the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, which are now inseparably united

Taking the Chalice, he says :

What return shall I make the Lord for all he has given to me ? I will take the Chalice of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. Praising, I will call upon the Lord, and I shall be safe from my enemies.

Receiving the blood of our Saviour, he says :

May the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. *Amen.*

Taking the first Ablution, he says :

Grant, Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind ; that, of a temporal gift, it may become to us an eternal remedy.

Taking the second Ablution, he says :

May thy body, O Lord, which I have received, and thy blood which I have drunk, cleave to my bowels ; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been fed with this pure and holy sacrament : who livest and reignest, &c.

An Act of the Love of God, by St. Francis Xavier.

O Deus ! Ego amo te, &c.

O God, thou who art the object of my love,
Not for the hopes of endless joys above,
Nor for the fear of endless pains below,
Which those, who love thee not, must undergo.
For me, and such as me, thou once didst bear
The ignominious cross, the nails, the spear.
A thorny crown transpierced thy sacred brow :
What bloody sweats from every member flow !
For me, in torture thou resign'st thy breath,
Nail'd to the cross, and savedst me by thy death.
Say, can these sufferings fail my heart to move ;

What but thyself can now deserve my love ?
 Such as then was, and is thy love to me ;
 Such is, and shall be still, my love to thee.
 Thy love, O Jesus, may I ever sing,
 O God of Love, kind Parent, dearest King ?
Amen.

When the Priest returns to the Book, say :

Let it be now, O Lord, the effect of thy mercy,
 that we, who have been present at these holy
 mysteries, may experience the happy effects of
 thy grace in our souls.

P. Dominus vobiscum : P. The Lord be with you :

R. Et cum spiritu tuo. R. And with thy spirit.

P. Oremus.

P. Let us pray.

*The next Prayer is called the Post-Communion, which
 varies every day.*

We give thee thanks, O Lord, for thy mercy
 in permitting us to have a part in offering this
 sacrifice to thy holy name. Accept it now to thy
 glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness.
 pardon all our defects, and grant our requests.

Protect also, O Lord, from all adversity thy
 servant N our Pope, N our Bishop, Victoria our
 Queen, with the people and the army committed
 to her care : grant peace in our time, and banish
 all wickedness from thy church, through our Lord
 Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth
 with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one
 God, world without end. *Amen.*

P. Dominus vobiscum : P. The Lord be with
 you :

R. Et cum spiritu tuo. R. And with thy spirit

P. *Ite, missa est : (or)* P. Go : you are dismissed : (or) let us bless
Benedicamus Domino : the Lord.

R. *Deo gratias.* R. Thanks be to God.

IN MASS FOR THE DEAD.

P. *Requiescant in pace.* P. May they rest in peace.

R. *Amen.* R. *Amen.*

Bowing before the Altar, he says :

May the performance of my homage be pleasing to thee, O holy Trinity : and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and through thy mercy be a propitiation for me, and all those for whom it has been offered : thro', &c.

Turning himself towards the People, he gives them his blessing, saying :

P. *Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, et Filius, and Spiritus Sanctus.* P. May Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless you.

R. *Amen.* R. *Amen.*

P. *Dominus vobiscum.* P. The Lord be with you.

R. *Etcum spiritu tuo.* R. And with thy spirit.

P. *Initium sancti Evangelii secundem Joannem.* P. The beginning of the Gospel according to St. John.

R. *Gloriatibi Domine.* R. Glory be to thee, O Lord:

In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum : hoc erat in principio apud Deum. Omnia per ipsum facta sunt, et sine ipso factum est nihil, quod factum est. In ipso vita erat, et vita erat lux hominum : et lux in tenebris lucet ; et tenebræ eam non comprehenderunt

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat Joannes. Hic venit in testimonium ut testimonium, perhiberet de lumine ; et omnes crederent per illum. Non erat ille lux, sed ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine. Erat lux vera quæ illuminat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum.

In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognovit. In propria ve-

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and God was the Word : the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men : and the light shineth in the darkness ; and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. This man came for a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but he came to give testimony of the light. He was the true light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came

nit, et sui eum non receperunt. Quotquot autem receperunt eum, dedit eis potestatem filios Deifieri, his qui credunt in nomine ejus, qui non ex sanguinibus, neque ex voluntate carnis, neque ex voluntate viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt: Et Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis; et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiæ et veritatis.

unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, to those that believe in his name, who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God: And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory, as it were the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE TE DEUM PARAPHRASED.

Thee, sov'reign God, our grateful accents praise,
We own thee Lord, and bless thy wond'rous ways.
To thee, Eternal Father, earth's whole frame,
With loudest trumpet, sounds immortal fame.
Lord God of hosts! to thee the heav'nly powers,
With sounding anthems fill thy vaulted towers.
The *Cherubim* thrice Holy, Holy, cry:
Thrice Holy, all the *Seraphim* reply,
And thrice returning echoes endless songs supply. }
Both heav'n and earth thy majesty display;
They owe their beauty to thy glorious ray.
Thy praises fill the loud Apostles's choir:
The train of Prophets in the song conspire.

Legions of martyrs in the chorus shine,
And vocal blood, with vocal music join.
By these thy Church, inspir'd with heavenly art,
Around the world maintains a second part ;
And tunes her sweetest notes, O God to thee,
The Father of unbounded majesty ;
The Son, ador'd Co-partner of thy Seat,
And equal everlasting Paraclete.
Thou King of glory, Christ, of the most High ;
Thou co-eternal filial Deity :
Thou, who, to save the world's impending doom,
Vouchsaf'st to dwell within a Virgin's womb :
(Old tyrant Death disarm'd) before thee flew
The bolts of heaven, and back the foldings drew,
To give access, and make the faithful way ;
From God's right hand thy filial beams display.
Thou art to judge the living and the dead :
Thenspare those souls forwhom thyveins have bled.
O take us up among the blest above,
To share with them thy everlasting love.
Preserve, O Lord, thy people, and enhance
Thy blessing on thine own inheritance.
For ever raise their hearts, and rule their ways.
Each day we bless thee, and proclaim thy praise.
No age shall fail to celebrate thy name :
Nor hour neglect thy everlasting fame.
Preserve our souls, O Lord ! this day from ill :
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy still.
As we have hop'd, do thou reward our pain,
We've hop'd in thee, let not our hope be vain.

V—Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise and exalt him for ever.

THE PRAYER. *Deus cuius.*

O God, of whose mercies there is no number, and of whose goodness the treasure is infinite ; we humbly thank thy most gracious Majesty for the favours thou hast bestowed on us ; ever beseeching thy clemency, that as thou grantest our requests when we humbly ask thee, so thou wilt not forsake us, but dispose us for the rewards of the time to come, through &c. *Amen.*

Accept, O most gracious God, this our service. If, by thy grace, we have performed any thing according to our duty, in thy clemency regard it ; and what we have done with negligence mercifully pardon : through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost descend upon us now, and remain with us for ever. *Amen.*

A SECOND METHOD OF HEARING MASS.

A Prayer on going into Church.

O Lord, in the multitude of thy mercies I will enter thy house, and adore thee in thy holy temple, and confess thy name.

When you take Holy Water, say :

Sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed ; wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

*A Prayer before Mass, according to the four Ends of this
our Christian Sacrifice.*

O most merciful Father, and gracious God, who hast so loved the world, as not to spare thy only beloved Son, but didst deliver him up to suffer the cruel death of the cross for the redemption of us poor sinners: and wilt moreover have the same oblation daily renewed in the Mass, that we may apply the fruit of his sacred passion for the benefit of our souls; grant, we humbly beseech thee, that we may assist, with all due respect, attention, and devotion, at these adorable mysteries of thy infinite wisdom and singular goodness, that we may be made partakers of the fruit and virtue on the bloody sacrifice of the cross, by this unbloody oblation of the altar. And as this our Christian sacrifice contains all the virtue and perfection of those of the old law, so we offer it up to thee in manner in the four-fold oblations of the ancient sacrifices. **FIRST**, then we offer it up, O Lord, in humble and sincere profession of the supreme power and dominion thou hast over us and all creatures; to which we willingly submit, and earnestly beg, that we and all others may have the grace constantly to do the same: **SECONDLY**, in satisfaction and atonement for all the sins and crimes we have ever committed or by which thy infinite Majesty has any way been displeased or offended: **THIRDLY**, as a thanksgiving and grateful acknowledgment of all the favors and blessings bestowed on us in general or particular; **LASTLY**, that we may mercifully obtain of thy divine goodness what thou knowest we stand

most in need of, either for our soul or body. (*Here may be added in particular what each person wants for himself or others, living or dead.*) With these dispositions and intentions, we approach, O God, this day to thy altar, relying on thy power and mercy to grant our petitions, and supply us with grace for the performing of our duty: through the divine merits of the sacred death and passion of thy only Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS WHICH MAY BE SAID DURING THE
SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

When the Priest begins Mass.

I acknowledge and confess, O my God, that my iniquities render me unworthy to appear before thee, to assist at this awful and divine sacrifice. But entering into the spirit of the Church, I implore thy mercy, and unite my prayers with those of thy Minister, in order to obtain, through thy mercy, the pardon of my sins.

Humbling myself therefore before thee and the whole court of heaven, and sensible of my unworthiness, I lay open my conscience to thee, my God, and my supreme judge, who knowest the bottom of my heart. I confess before the blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, St. Michael the Archangel, St. John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, that I have sinned and grievously transgressed;—but I likewise declare in the presence of the heavenly Court, that with true and sincere repentance I detest all my sins, beseeching the Mother of Mercy, in whom after thee, my

God, I place my entire confidence, and all the Saints in heaven, to join their prayers, with mine, that I may obtain forgiveness.

When the Priest goes up to the Altar.

Blot out all my iniquities, I beseech thee, O Lord, that my heart being purified, I may approach to thy sanctuary, and worthily assist at this divine sacrifice. I beg of thee this favor, for the sake of thy saints, and especially of those whose relics are in this Altar, upon which the divine sacrifice is to be offered to thee this day.

At the Introit, and Kyrie Eleison.

Vouchsafe then, O Lord, to hear favorably our prayers, and without regarding our iniquities, to enlighten our minds ; kindle in our hearts the fire of thy divine love, to the end that we may be more worthy to assist at these sacred Mysteries. Suspend thy just indignation, and regarding thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, who is here ready to offer himself a sacrifice in our behalf, forget our offences, and so efface them, that they may entirely disappear from thy divine sight.

With perfect confidence in thy infinite mercy, my God, and without fear of having my prayer rejected, I beg of thee, through the merits and in the name of my Saviour Jesus Christ, to have pity on my soul, which thou hast created ; take compassion on the work of thy hands ; forgive me, a guilty sinner, O merciful Judge ! and pardon the errors of a prodigal Child. Thou art my only hope, divine Saviour, my whole consolation, my strength, and my salvation.

At the Gloria in Excelsis.

Glory be to God in the highest heavens, and peace on earth to men of good will. We praise thee, O Lord, we bless thee, we adore thee with all the sentiments that love, respect, and religion inspire. We desire to glorify thee, and to render thee our most humble thanks in return for thy benefits. O Father Almighty ! supreme Monarch of heaven and earth ! Adorable Jesus, only Son of, and consubstantial with the eternal Father, by what excess of love hast thou vouchsafed so to humble thyself, as to become a victim, sacrificing thyself for our sins ! O Lamb of God, who alone canst blot them out, have compassion on me, and from thy highest throne, on which thou art seated at the right hand of the Father, cast thy merciful eyes upon me, O Lord : only thou art infinitely holy, infinitely powerful, infinitely above all created things, and worthy of infinite praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

At the Collects.

Grant, O Lord, the graces which thy Minister asks for himself, and us, and for thy whole Church. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and through the intercession of the most blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, and of the Saint whose festival the Church celebrates this day, I beseech thee to hear my prayers, and to attend to my necessities. I entreat thee, with humility and confidence, to pardon me all my sins, which I detest from the bottom of my heart. I beg of thee a share of thy divine love,

and such graces as are necessary for my salvation, together with final perseverance in the observance of thy commandments. *Amen.*

At the Epistle.

As it is thy holy spirit that has inspired whatever thy holy Prophets, Apostles, and Evangelists have taught, give me, O Lord, a docile heart to put in practice the saving instructions which the sacred books afford ; and may it be my unremitting endeavour to act up to the wise counsels of those, who have been particularly commissioned to direct my soul in the way of salvation. And, lest I become guilty, like to him who despises thy gracious inspirations, enable me, not only to know thy holy will, but in all things to do it.

At the Gospel.

It is thy true word, O my God, to which I listen. With what respect ought I to hear it ! with what docility ought I to obey it ! I here protest, O Lord, before heaven and earth, that I am ready to lay down my life for the truth which thy gospel teaches me. Its maxims shall be the rule of my actions, its precepts my law. Speak, O Lord, to my soul. I hear thee, with the humble submission of a faithful servant. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but thy words, the words of eternal truth, shall not pass.

At the Creed.

I believe, O Lord, but my actions make me fear that my faith is weak. Strengthen, therefore, with thy grace, the little faith I have. I believe firmly

all the truths of our holy religion. I believe in one God and three persons; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, God Eternal, Almighty, infinitely perfect, and Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Eternal Father, and equal to him in all things; true God and incarnate word, by whom all things were made; and who was made man in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, and died on the cross for our salvation. I believe in the Holy Ghost, true God, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and equal to them. I believe the Holy Catholic Apostolic Church to be the true Church, and Mother of all Churches; and I acknowledge the Bishop of Rome as its visible head and Vicar of Jesus Christ. I receive all the decisions of that Church, and I desire to live and die in that belief. *Amen.*

At the Offertory.

Grant, O my Saviour, and my God! that uniting my intention to that of thy Priest, I may offer this divine Sacrifice to thee, in thanksgiving for all the benefits, which thou hast bountifully bestowed upon mankind, and upon me in particular, though an unworthy and ungrateful sinner. I offer it to thee for all my sins, which I detest from the bottom of my heart. Pardon me, O Lord, in consideration of the divine Victim which is here offered to thee, and only regarding his merits, supply all my necessities spiritual and temporal, and grant me final perseverance in grace. Though unworthy to appear in thy august presence, I presume nevertheless to offer

this sacred victim for the expiation of my numberless offences. I offer it also for all those who assist with me at this tremendous sacrifice, and for all the faithful living and dead. Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquities, and purify my soul from every stain, that I may appear with less unworthiness before thee.

At the Preface.

As this is the moment, O Lord, when thou art about to descend upon thy altar, no earthly object ought to occupy my mind ! my heart should only breathe after thee. Purify my soul then with the fire of thy love, that it may only relish the blessings of eternity. What thanks do we not owe thee for all thy benefits, especially for continually renewing on our altars the sacrifice of Mount Calvary ! O Eternal Father, through Jesus Christ thy beloved Son, all the blessed Spirits glorify thee, and pay their homage to thee ! Permit us sinners also, to join our weak praises to theirs, and uniting with heart and mind in transports of joy, love, gratitude and admiration, to say, holy, holy, infinitely holy is the Lord our God ; the whole earth is full of his glory. The blessed praise him in heaven, whilst we on earth adore him who comes down in the name of the Lord : to whom be honor and glory given, through everlasting ages.

O merciful Father, through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son, who, without leaving heaven, comes to be really present on this altar, we humbly beseech thee, to enable us to reap the benefit of this adorable sacrifice, in which the victim is most pure, and infinitely acceptable in thy sight.

In his name we beg of thee to preserve, defend, and render triumphant thy holy Catholic Church, throughout the world : may her chief Bishop and visible head be always animated with the Spirit of Jesus Christ ; may her Priesthood be endowed with the spirit of wisdom and understanding—with the spirit of counsel and of piety, and may all those, who have the misfortune to be out of the bosom of her communion, return to the path of salvation. *Amen.*

At the Elevation.

I adore thee, my Lord and my God, really present under these elements of bread and wine ! I adore thee, O Lamb of God, and sacred victim, by which the sins of the world are blotted out ! For my salvation thou offerest thyself in sacrifice on this altar ; Oh ! that with the same fire of divine love, I might here sacrifice myself to thee ! However loaded with my sins, however unworthy of pardon, O merciful Father, thou wilt be appeased in beholding the precious blood of thy Son, shed for the expiation of my sins.

I offer unto thee this victim of infinite value, and Jesus, who presents himself in sacrifice for me on this altar, is able to discharge what I owe to thy justice, and to merit for me new favors and graces, however unworthy I may be of this mercy.

I beseech thee, my God, to have pity on those who, although they have died in grace, are yet suffering ; and among these I pray especially for my friends, relations, and benefactors ; deliver them

by means of this sacrifice, from their prison of punishment; they are souls dear to thee, O Lord, hasten then to admit them into the sweet abode of the blessed.

At the Pater Noster.

Behold, O Lord! a prodigal Child prostrate at thy feet, and, though covered with confusion, and unworthy of thy goodness, I presume to call thee Father. I confess that I have dishonoured thy holy name, by a life little becoming a Christian, but my fervor for the time to come in thy service, and my zeal for thy glory, shall prove the sincere desire I have to see thy kingdom established, in my own heart, and in the hearts of all men. Convert all sinners, bring back all that have any ways gone astray: unite all to the bosom of thy Catholic Church, and as there is but one Pastor, so let there be but one sheep-fold. May thy will, which I have so often resisted, be accomplished on earth, as it is in heaven. Supply, every day, all my wants and necessities. Forgive all my iniquities, as I sincerely pardon all the injuries done to me; preserve me from falling into sin: keep me from all dangerous occasions and temptations; and deliver me from the evil I ought most to fear, the loss of thy grace. *Amen.*

At the Agnus Dei.

O Lamb of God, sacrificed for me! divine Lamb, that takest away the sins of the world, blot out all my sins. Thou seest my Saviour Jesus Christ, that with my whole heart I detest them: blot them

out therefore for ever, and if I should be so happy as to have already received thy forgiveness, purify me still more, and prepare for thyself in my heart an abode yet more worthy of thee.

At the Communion of the Priest.

What a delight would it be for me, O my God, to be one of those happy souls, whom a pure conscience, a holy life, and an affectionate piety, permit to approach every day to thy sacred table. Grant at least, O Lord, that I may aspire thereto, by a spiritual communion, and thus satisfy in some measure the ardent desire I have to receive thee. If the hunger I have for this heavenly bread,—if the ardor I have to be admitted, could be considered a preparation, my heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready. As a hart pants, after a long course, for a fountain, wherein she may quench her thirst, so my soul thirsts after thee, my divine Saviour. O living bread, that comest down from heaven to give me life, satisfy the hunger of my soul to be nourished by thee! O fountain of living Waters, that spring up to eternal life, satisfy the thirst of a soul that cannot be quenched by any other! Grant that the ardent desire I have to receive thee spiritually, may supply for my unworthiness to receive thee sacramentally, and, through thy infinite goodness, impart to me a share of the happy effects of a good communion. If I am not so happy as to partake in reality of thy sacred body, animate me at least with thy spirit: give me a share of those graces, which thy precious body and blood would have produced in me, had

not my infidelities rendered me unworthy to receive them. May thy assistance, O Lord, enable me to overcome the obstacles, which hinder me from communicating as often as I desire. For what can I desire in heaven, what can I henceforth love upon earth, but thee, my God, and my portion for ever.

After Communion, and during the last Gospel.

How can I make a suitable return to thee, O bountiful Lord, for all the benefits which thou hast heaped upon me, especially for the grace of assisting at this divine Sacrifice, a favor refused to many others less unworthy than myself! But what ought to be my gratitude to thee, for giving me so ardent a desire to receive thee, and thus in some manner to supply for sacramental Communion! By this spiritual communion, thou communicatest to me some share of those favours bestowed so abundantly on those pure souls who are admitted to thy holy table. Be thou for ever blest then, O Saviour, for so many favors. Great ought my fidelity to be this day in thy service, and in the observance of thy holy law! Yes, I am resolved rather to die than to violate it by any voluntary fault. My eyes, which have had the happiness of beholding thee hidden under the sacred species, shall henceforward abstain from all looks that may disturb the peace, or sully the purity of my soul. My ears, that have heard thy divine words, shall be shut against all conversations unbecoming Christian sanctity. My tongue, which has pronounced thy praises, and called upon thy holy name, shall

not be profaned by worldly conversations. My heart, in fine, inflamed with the fire of thy holy love, by assisting at these sacred mysteries, shall be no more led away by earthly desires; so that as I am wholly thine, grant, O God of my heart, that in future I may only live for thee. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

In the name of the Father, &c.

Open, O Lord, our mouths to bless thy holy name, expel from our minds all distracting thoughts, enlighten our understandings, inflame our wills, that we may perform this holy exercise with due attention and devotion, and deserve to be heard in the presence of thy divine Majesty, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Holy Mary———pray for us.

All ye holy Angels and Archangels,

St. Abel,

St. Abraham,

St. John the Baptist,

All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,

All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,

All ye holy Innocents,

St. Stephen,

St. Laurence,

All ye holy martyrs,

St. Silvester,

St. Gregory,—— *Pray for us.*
St. Austin,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
St. Bennet,
St. Francis,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Lucy,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
All ye Saints of God, *make intercession for us.*
Be merciful unto us, *spare us, O Lord.*
Be merciful unto us, *hear us, O Lord.*
From thy anger,—— *O Lord deliver us.*
From an unprovoked death,
From the pains of hell,
From all evil,
From the power of the Devil.
By thy Nativity,
By thy Cross and passion,
By thy death and burial,
By thy glorious resurrection,
By thy admirable ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,
In the day of Judgment,
We sinners, *beseech thee to hear us.*
That thou spare us, *we beseech thee to hear us.*
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

LET US PRAY.

O God of mercy, strengthen us thy servants in thy holy grace, that at the hour of our death the

enemy may not prevail over us, and that we may deserve to be conducted by thy Angels into everlasting life, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty and most merciful Creator, who, to refresh thy thirsty people in the desert, didst command streams of water to flow from the hard rock : draw, we beseech thee, from our dry eyes and stony hearts, tears of perfect compunction, that we may supremely detest all sin, and only thirst after the happy and glorious sight of thee, our God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, behold prostrate at thy feet a most ungrateful and perfidious creature ! My God, I have offended thee exceedingly in thought, word, and deed. My heinous crimes fixed thee to the bloody cross. To rescue me from eternal damnation, thou didst endure an agony of three hours on Mount Calvary. But oh ! how much I am displeased with myself, how I grieve for having offended thee, a God of infinite goodness, of infinite charity. I am astonished and confounded at thy unwearied patience in supporting a most provoking and wilful sinner. From the very bottom of my heart I detest all my sins, and because I love thee, and will love thee above all created things, I steadfastly purpose, by thy holy grace, never to offend thee more, rather to die than commit one mortal sin. *Amen.*

O Jesus, who, in thy prayer to the Father in the garden of Gethsemani, wast filled with anguish and sorrow, which forced from thy trembling body

drops like blood, trickling to the ground, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who wast betrayed by the kiss of Judas into the hands of thy enemies, wast seized and bound like a thief, and abandoned by thy disciples, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who by the unjust verdict of the Jews wast found guilty of death, brought like a malefactor before the tribunal of Pilate, scorned and derided by the impious Herod, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who wast stripped of thy garments and most inhumanly scourged at the pillar, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who wast crowned with thorns, blindfolded, buffeted, struck with a reed, clothed in derision, with a purple garment, and many other ways scorned and reviled, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who wast reputed more criminal than Barabbas, a murderer, rejected by the Jews, and condemned to the ignominious death of the Cross, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who wast loaded with a heavy Cross, and led like an innocent Lamb to the place of execution, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who wast crucified between two thieves, derided, blasphemed, and made to endure most horrid torments from the sixth to the ninth hour, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who didst expire on the cross, in the presence of thy holy Mother, before whose eyes thy sacred side was opened with a spear, whence issued forth water and blood, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who wast taken down from the cross, and bathed in the tears of thy most sorrowful Mother, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

O Jesus, who wast covered in every part with wounds and bruises, embalmed with spices, and laid in the sepulchre, have mercy on us, *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

He truly bore our sorrows,
And he carried our grief.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who for the redemption of mankind didst vouchsafe to be born, to be circumcised, to be rejected by the Jews, to be betrayed by a kiss, to be fettered like a malefactor, and like an innocent lamb to be led to slaughter, to be ignominiously brought before Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod, to be accused by false witnesses, to be scourged with whips, buffeted, defiled with spittle, crowned with thorns, stripped of thy clothes, fas-

tened to a cross, placed between two thieves, and to taste of vinegar and gall! by these most grievous pains, which I, however unworthy, do commemorate, and by thy most sacred death and passion, deliver me from the pains of hell, and conduct me whither thy mercy did conduct the good thief, who was crucified with thee, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest for ever, *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, I most humbly adore* the most sacred wound in thy left foot. I give thee thanks for that cruel pain, suffered with so much love and charity. I feelingly condole with thee in thy torments, and with thy most afflicted Mother. I humbly beg pardon for all my sins, which I lament more than all imaginable evils, because they offend thee, O infinite goodness! And I resolve never more to sin. O! bring with me all sinners to a true conversion, and give them light to discover the heinousness and the enormity of a mortal sin.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

* No Catholic can object to the adoration of the wounded hands and feet of Jesus Christ; because every Catholic must worship his body and blood in the blessed Eucharist: For if his body be adorable, his hands and feet must equally be so. It may, however, be proper to remark, that divine worship is always directed to the divine Being: and therefore when we adore the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, or his wounded hands and feet, we worship Jesus Christ himself, whose body we believe to be really present, and whose hands and feet were pierced with nails. The reason why the hands and feet of Jesus Christ are adorable, is, because they are hypostatically united to Jesus Christ, who is the second person of the adorable Trinity.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly adore the most sacred wound in thy right foot, I give thee thanks for that cruel pain endured with so much love and charity. I feelingly condole with thee in thy torments, and with thy most afflicted mother. Grant me strength against all temptations, and prompt obedience in the execution of thy divine will. Comfort, O Jesus, all poor, miserable, afflicted, tempted, and persecuted persons. Most just Judge, govern those who administer justice, and assist all labourers in the care of souls, whether among Christians or Infidels.

Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. Glory, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly adore the most sacred wound in thy left hand. I give thee thanks for that cruel pain endured with so much love and charity. I feelingly condole with thee in thy sufferings, and with thy most afflicted Mother. Deliver me from the pains of hell, and grant me patience and conformity to thy blessed will, in all the adversities of this life. I offer unto thee all my exterior and interior sufferings, in satisfaction for my sins, which have so often deserved eternal torments. Pardon all my enemies, and others ill-affected towards me. Bless the sick with patience and health ; and support, with thy assisting grace, all who are in their agony, that they may not perish.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I humbly adore the most sacred wound in thy right hand. I give thee thanks for that cruel pain endured for me with so much

love and charity. I feelingly condole with thee in thy torments and with thy most afflicted Mother. Grant me a firm and resolute will in all things relating to my salvation. Bless me with the grace of final perseverance, to secure the enjoyment of that glory which was purchased with the price of thy most precious blood. Grant likewise, O Jesus, peace and relief to the souls in purgatory, and daily advance thy holy servants in this world, in the paths of virtue and perfection, especially those who are of this confraternity.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I most humbly adore the sacred wound in thy blessed side. I give thee thanks for the immense love manifested towards us, at the opening of thy inflamed heart. Grant me a pure and perfect charity, that loving thee above all things, and all things for thy sake, my soul may breathe its last in the purest sentiments of divine love. I humbly beg of thee, O Jesus, to protect thy holy Catholic Church, to direct thy governing Vicar upon earth, and all ecclesiastical orders, and pious persons who are instrumental in bringing souls to their duty. Preserve in thy holy service all christian Kings and Princes. Bring back into the way of salvation all those who have gone astray, whether through malice or ignorance. Subject unto thy sacred yoke all infidels, heretics, and all the enemies of thy holy Name.

Our Father, &c.

LET US PRAY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, God of my heart! by those five wounds, which thy love for us inflicted on thee, succour thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. *Amen.*

Most merciful Redeemer! by those ineffable torments, and the immense grief which thou wast pleased to suffer for me, a contemptible creature, especially when thy blessed soul was bitterly separated from thy body, I humbly beseech thee, to secure my poor soul at the hour of its departure, and comfort me then, as thou didst the good thief, with the blessed assurance that I shall be with thee in Paradise. *Amen.*

Let us say *thrice* the *Our Father*, and the *Hail Mary*, in memory of the three hours our Redeemer hung upon the cross, for the souls of the faithful departed in this congregation. *Our Father, &c.*

Let us say *once* the *Our Father*, and the *Hail Mary*, for such as are in the deplorable state of mortal sin. *Our Father, &c.*

Let us likewise say *once* the *Our Father*, and the *Hail Mary*, for the person who is to die next in this congregation, that he may depart happily, fortified with the holy sacraments of the Church. *Our Father, &c.*

Let us dispose ourselves, by acts of perfect contrition, and pure love of God, to receive profitably the Benediction of our Lord and Saviour, in the adorable sacrament of the Altar.

Merciful Redeemer, and holy God of infinite patience! great is my confusion at my appearing in thy divine presence, having so frequently preferred vile and contemptible creatures, before thee, the Almighty Creator of the universe.

I, who am but a miserable worm of the earth, do utterly detest my presumption in sinning in thy most pure sight. I own that I am a notorious criminal, and I plead guilty at the bar of thy dread tribunal. Thou mightest have been glorified in thy justice, by striking me suddenly dead, and condemning me to eternal flames for base indignities offered to thee! but thou wast pleased to be glorified in the high prerogative of thy mercy, by calling me back to repentance. I abhor all my crimes of thought, word, and deed, not only for the fear of punishment, and the hope of reward, but likewise for thy own sake, and because thou dost abominate them infinitely. O God of Majesty and mercy, look upon the sacred marks in thy hands, feet, and side, which thou still retainest in thy glorified body, to plead in my behalf. By that tender love which induced thee to create, redeem, and sanctify me, unite the abyss of thy merits to the abyss of my misery. Strengthen my weakness, confirm this my resolution of never offending thee more. O rather let me lose every thing, with life itself, than lose thy favor by mortal sin. My heart was created for thee, and I love thee more than myself. Every day of my life, and especially that on which I shall expire, shall witness my sincere efforts to love and serve thee for my own sake, my God and my Creator. O Saviour of perishing mankind, who openest thy hand, and fillest every creature with benediction, give me now such a blessing as thou didst bestow on thy beloved disciples, when ascending in triumph from the mountain of Olives, that I may live and die in this happy disposition. *Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

What we call the Benediction is a devotion, practised by the Church, in order to give adoration, Praise and Blessing, or Benediction, to God, for his infinite goodness and Love, testified to us in the Institution of the blessed Sacrament, and to receive at the same time the Benediction or Blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we firmly believe to be present in the sacred host exposed to our view.*

Whilst the Priest is taking the Blessed Sacrament out of the Tabernacle,† the following Hymn is generally sung :

O Salutaris hostia !

O Saving Host ! that
heaven's gate

Quæ cœli pandis ostium :

Laidst open at so dear
a rate :

Bella premunt hostilia :

Intestine wars invade
my breast :

* The custom of preserving the consecrated elements in our churches has been retained since the time of the Apostles, and it is still the practice of all the churches in the world, excepting only the reformed churches, as may be collected from the most ancient liturgies; and from the writings of the Fathers of the first ages of Christianity. See Tertullian, book 2d., chap. 5. St. Cyprian de lapsis. The motives for retaining them are, that the priest may at all times have it in his power to give communion to the sick and others, when he cannot say mass; and that the faithful may attend with greater constancy and piety in our churches, where Jesus Christ is in a special manner present to receive their homage, and to grant their petitions.

† When the blessed Sacrament is exposed to our sight on the altar, the discipline of the Catholic Church requires, that all the faithful adore it on both knees, and that no one be allowed to sit, unless compelled by sickness or infirmity.

Da robur, fer auxi-
lium.

Unitrino que Domino;

Sit sempiterna gloria;

Qui vitam sine ter-
mino,

Nobis donet in patria.

Be thou my strength,
support, and rest.

To God the Father,
and the Son ;

And Holy Spirit, Three
in One,

Be endless praise :
may HE above,

With life eternal
crown my love.

During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, various Psalms, Hymns, and Prayers are selected to excite the devotion of the faithful. On particular occasions, the following Collects are sung :—

AFTER THE TE DEUM.

A. Benedicamus Patrem, et Filium, cum Sancto Spiritu ;

R. Laudemus, et superexaltemus eum in sæcula.

A. Domine exaudi orationem meam :

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

A. Dominus vobiscum :

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

OREMUS.

Deus, cujus misericordiæ non est numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus ; piissimæ Majestati tuæ pro collatis donis, gratias agimus ; tuam semper clementiam exorantes, ut qui petentibus postulata concedis, eosdem non deserens, ad præmia futura disponas : per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. R. *Amen.*

After the Misere :

A. Fiat misericordiæ tua Domine super nos :

R. Quemadmodum speravimus in te.

A. Domine exaudi orationem meam .

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

A. Dominus vobiscum :

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

OREMUS.

Deus, refugium nostrum et virtus, adesto piis ecclesiæ tuæ precibus, auctor ipse pietatis, et præsta, ut quod fideliter petimus, efficaciter consequamur: per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum, vivit, &c.

R. *Amen.*

FOR THE QUEEN.

A. Domine, salvam fac Reginam nostram Victoriam :

R. Et exaudi nos in die qua invocaverimus te.

OREMUS.

Quæsumus, omnipotens Deus, ut famula tua Victoria, regina nostra, quæ tua miseratione suscepit regni gubernacula, virtutum etiam omnium percipiat incrementa, quibus decenter ornata et vitiorum monstra devitare, et ad te, qui via, veritas, et vita es, gratiosa valeat pervenire : per Dominum nostrum, &c.

R. *Amen.*

After the Litany.

A. Ora pro nobis Sancta Dei Genitrix :

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

OREMUS.

Defende, quæsumus, Domine, beata Maria semper virgine intercedente, istam ab omni adversitate familiam, et toto corde tibi prostratam, ab hostium propitius tuere clementer insidiis ; per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, &c.

R. *Amen.*

After the Hymn, Veni Creator Spiritus.

A. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur :

R. Et renovabis faciem terræ.

OREMUS.

Deus, qui corda fidelium, Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti ; da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere : per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat, in unitate ejusdem Spiritus Sancti, Deus, per omnia sæcula, sæculorum. R. *Amen.*

Sometimes the Choir Sings this Anthem :

O Sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur, recolitur memoria passionis ejus, mens impletur gratia, et futuræ gloriæ nobis pignus datur.

Immediately preceding the Benediction, the following verses of the hymn Pange lingua are sung :

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui ;

Et antiquum documentum
 Novo cedat ritui.
 Præstet fides supplementum
 Sensuum defectui.
 Genitori Genitoque
 Laus et jubilatio,
 Salus, honor, virtus quoque,
 Sit et benedictio:
 Procedenti ab utroque
 Compar sit laudatio. *Amen.*

A. Panem de cælo præstitisti eis ;*

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

OREMUS.

Deus qui nobis, sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti ; tribue quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus ; qui vivis et regnas per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

R. *Amen.*

The Hymn, Pange Lingua.

Christians, sound the solemn anthem,

Christians, at his table fed,

Lo the virgin's hallowed offspring,

He who for our ransom bled,

Makes his body still our victim,

Gives us still the blood he shed.

Born for us of spotless Mary,

Saving gift on man bestowed,

With his favored people dwelling,

* Tempore paschali et per Octavam Corporis Christi tantum, additur Alleluia.

Seeds of heavenly life he sowed ;
But the mightiest deed of wonder,
Ere he sealed his labours showed.

Eating then the pascal emblem,
(So the law of Israel ran,)
With his friends he held a supper
Ere his agony began ;
And in legal forms concealed,
Gave himself for food to man.

Christ who took our human nature,
Takes the form of wine and bread,
Unrevealed to outward senses ;
Thus the Christian soul is fed ;
By the light of faith exalted,
Faithful minds are captive led.

Then before his awful altar,
Let us worship bending low ;
Let each rite of olden usage
Every claim to this forego :
Nor let man presumptuous question
What from steady faith we know.

Salutation, power, and blessing,
To the Father and the Son ;
Honor, praise, and joyful worship
Be with equal homage done,
Unto him from both proceeding,
Endless Godhead, three in one.

Amen.

The Priest then puts on a white veil, and after bending in profound adoration, he takes the remonstrance in his hands; and turning towards the people, he gives the benediction. by forming them the sign of the cross with the blessed Sacrament; while they, bowing their heads, adore Jesus Christ, and fervently exercise different acts of virtue, you may say:

Ave verum Corpus, natum

De Maria Virgine.

Vere passum, immolatum

In cruce, pro homine.

Cujus latus perforatum

Unda fluxit et sanguine.

Esto nobis progustatum

Mortis in examine;

O clemens, O pie,

O Jesu, fili Mariæ.

Hail, true body! born of the Virgin Mary; thou didst truly suffer, and wast immolated on the cross for man: from thy wounded side flowed water and blood: be thou my food at the hour of my death. O mild and gracious Saviour Jesus Christ, Son of the eternal God, and of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on me.

ANIMA CHRISTI SANTIFICA ME.

SOUL of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;

His blessed Body be my saving guest.

Blood of my Jesus bathe me in thy tide,

Wash me ye waters streaming from his side.

O cross, O death of Jesus sooth my fears,

Jesus! O hear my sighs, regard my tears,

O hide me in thy wounds, there may I stay,

And never, never more be torn away.

Save me, O save me from my deadly foe ;
Call me at death from off my bed of woe,
And take me to thy arms to hymn thy praise,
Among thy saints in heaven, thro' endless days.

An Act of Oblation.

My Lord and my God ! I adore thee, and praise thee, and give thee thanks for all thy favors. I consecrate myself entirely to thee, and make an offering to thee of my thoughts, words, and actions, in union with the merits of Jesus Christ, my Saviour. I offer to thee whatever is done to thy honor in heaven and on earth. All this I offer as a homage justly due to thy infinite excellence, in thanksgiving for all thy graces, in satisfaction for all my sins, and to obtain of thee all the help requisite to enable me to please thee and work out my salvation. I put myself, O Lord, under thy protection : preserve me, I beseech thee, from all evils of soul and body. Grant me grace to discharge, as I ought, the duties of my state of life, and to accomplish in all things thy holy will. From this moment I renounce every thing which is displeasing to thee, and I renew my resolution of serving thee in the best manner I am able.

The *Hymn Adoro te devote*, (from *St. Austin's devotions*.)

With all the powers my poor soul hath,
Of humble love and loyal faith ;
Thus low, my God, I bow to thee,
Whom too much love bow'd lower for me.

Let reasoning cease—let sense give way,
And Christ's unfailing truth obey ;

He says : this is my flesh and blood—
Your victim once and now your food.

Faith is my guide, faith strength affords,
That equals those all powerful words :
And surely words more sweet than they,
Love could not think, truth could not say.

Oh ! dear memorial of that death,
Which still survives and gives us breath ;
Live ever bread of life ; and be
My food, my joy, my all to me.

Come glorious Lord, my hopes increase,
And fill my portion in thy peace ;
Come hidden life, and that long day
For which I languish, come away.

A. Thou hast given them bread from heaven.

R. Containing in itself every delight.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament hast
left us a perpetual memorial of thy passion ; grant,
we beseech thee, that we may so venerate the sa-
cred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may
duly experience the happy effects of thy redem-
tion, who livest and reignest through all ages.
Amen. THE TE DEUM.

We praise thee, O God ! we acknowledge thee
to be the Lord.

Thee, the everlasting Father, all the earth doth
worship.

To thee all the angels cry aloud, the heavens and
the heavenly powers.

To thee the Cherubim and Seraphim continually
do cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious choir of the Apostles praise thee.

The admirable company of the prophets praise thee.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy church throughout the world doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of infinite majesty..

Thy adorable, true, and only Son ;

Also, the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou, O Christ, art the King of glory.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not disdain the Virgin's womb.

Having overcome the sting of death, thou didst
open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the
glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We beseech thee, therefore, to help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in
everlasting glory.

Save thy people, O Lord, and bless thine inheritance.

Govern them and exalt them for ever.
Every day we magnify thee ;
And we praise thy name for ever and ever.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.
May thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in thee.
In thee, O Lord, I have trusted ; let me not be confounded for ever.

EVENING SERVICE.

FOR SUNDAYS, &c.

P—In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.

C—*Amen.*

P—Incline unto mine aid, O God.

C—O Lord, make haste to help me.

P—Glory be to the Father, &c.

C—As it was in the beginning, &c.

ANTHEM.

Let my prayer be directed as incense in thy sight, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice. PSALM 140.

PSALM XIV.—*Domine quis Habitabit.*

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? or who shall dwell on thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly and followeth righteousness.

He that speaketh truth in his heart, and in his tongue hath not used deceit.

He that hath done no evil to his neighbour; nor slandered him.

He in whose eyes a vile person is condemned; but that honoreth them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth to his neighbour, and deceiveth him not.

He that hath not put out his money to usury; nor taken bribes against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall not be moved for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM XXIV.—*Ad te Domine levavi.*

Unto thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul, my God, I have put my trust in thee; O! let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths : lead me in thy truth, and teach me : for thou art the God of my salvation, and on thee have I waited all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving kindnesses, which have been from the beginning of the world.

O ! think not upon my sins, and my ignorances : but according to thy mercy remember thou me : for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he direct sinners in the way.

The mild he will guide in judgment : he will teach the meek his ways.

All the ways of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt pardon my sin : for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord ; him will he instruct in the way he should choose.

His soul shall persevere in goodness : and his seed shall inherit the land.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him : and he will shew them his covenant.

My eyes are ever directed towards the Lord : for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Look thou towards me, and have mercy upon me : for I am desolate and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are extended: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon my affliction and my pain; and forgive me all my sins.

Consider my enemies, for they are multiplied: and they have hated me with a cruel hatred.

O! keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me: for I have waited on thee.

Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Glory, be, &c.

PSALM XXXIII.

Benedicam Dominum in omni tempore.

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall be always in my mouth.

My soul shall glory in the Lord: let the meek hear and rejoice.

O magnify the Lord with me; and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord and he heard me: and he delivered me from all my troubles.

Come ye to him, and be enlightened: and your faces shall not be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him: and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord shall encamp round about them that fear him; and shall deliver them.

O taste and see that the Lord is sweet : blessed is the man that hopeth in him.

O fear the Lord all ye his saints : for there is no want to them that fear him.

The rich have wanted, and have suffered hunger : but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is the man that desireth life : that loveth to see good days.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile.

Turn away from evil, and do good : seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the just : and his ears are open unto their petitions.

But the countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : he will save them that are of an humble spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous : but out of them all will the Lord deliver them.

The Lord keepeth all their bones : not one of them shall be broken.

The death of the wicked is dreadful ; and they that hate the just shall be made desolate.

The Lord shall redeem the souls of his servants : and none shall be left destitute that put their trust in him.

Glory be, &c.

PSALM XXXVI.—*Noli æmulari.*

Be not thou provoked against the ungodly ; nor envy them that work iniquity.

For they shall shortly be cut down like the grass, and wither away as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord and do good : so shalt thou dwell in the land, and be fed with its riches.

Delight in the Lord : and he will give thee the desires of thy heart.

Commit thy way to the Lord, and put thy trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

And he will bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy just dealings as the noon day.

Rest silently in the Lord, and wait patiently for him : envy not the man that prospereth in his way ; nor him that bringeth wicked devices to bear.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath ; have no emulation to do evil.

For evil doers shall be cut off : but they that wait on the Lord shall inherit the land.

For yet a little while and the wicked shall not be : thou shalt seek his place, and thou shalt not find it.

But the meek shall inherit the land, and shall delight in the abundance of peace.

The wicked man plotteth against the just, and gnasheth his teeth at him.

But the Lord shall laugh at him ; for he seeth that his day is coming.

The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy ; to kill the upright of heart.

The sword shall enter into their own hearts, and their bow shall be broken.

The little that a righteous man hath, is better than the great riches of the wicked.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

The Lord knoweth the days of the virtuous : and their inheritance shall be for ever.

They shall not be confounded in the time of danger : and in the days of famine they shall be filled.

But the wicked shall perish ; and the enemies of the Lord, presently after they shall have been honored and exalted, shall come to nothing and vanish like smoke.

The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again but the good man is merciful and liberal.

They that are blessed of God shall possess the land : but they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.

By the Lord the steps of a good man are directed : and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall he shall not be bruised : for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

I have been young, and am now old : yet have I not seen the virtuous man forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

He is ever merciful and lendeth : and his seed is blessed.

Depart from evil and do good : and dwell for ever and ever.

For the Lord loveth judgment, and will not forsake his saints ; they shall be preserved for ever,

But the unjust shall be punished, and the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

The righteous shall inherit the land, and shall dwell therein for ever.

The mouth of the just man speaketh wisdom ; and his tongue talketh of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart : and his steps shall not slide.

The wicked watcheth the just man, and seeketh to put him to death.

But the Lord will not leave him in his hands : nor condemn him when he is judged.

Wait on the Lord and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land : when the wicked shall perish thou shalt see it.

I have seen the wicked man highly exalted and lifted up, like the cedars of Lebanon.

I passed by, and lo ! he was not : I sought him, but his place could no where be found,

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright : for the end of that man is peace.

But sinners shall be destroyed together : the remnants of the wicked shall perish.

But the salvation of the just is from the Lord : he is their protector in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them : he shall rescue them from the wicked, and save them, because they put their trust in him.

PSALM CII.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me praise his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all that he hath done for thee.

Who forgiveth all thy iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction : who crowneth thee with mercy and compassion :

Who satisfieth thy desires with good things : thy youth shall be renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord doeth mercies, and judgment for all that suffer wrong.

He hath made his ways known to Moses ; his wills to the children of Israel.

The Lord is compassionate and merciful : long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always be angry ; nor will he threaten for ever.

He hath not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For according to the height of the heaven above the earth, he hath strengthened his mercy towards them that fear him.

As far as the East is from the West, so far hath he removed our iniquities from us.

As a father hath compassion on his children, so hath the Lord compassion on them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame : he remembereth that we are dust.

Man's days are as grass ; as the flower of the field so shall he flourish.

For the wind passeth over it and it is gone ; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from eternity, and unto eternity upon them that fear him.

And his justice unto children's children, to such as keep his covenant,

And are mindful of his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in heaven : and his kingdom shall rule over all.

Bless the Lord all ye angels; you that are mighty in strength, and execute his word, hearkening to the voice of his orders.

Bless the Lord all ye his hosts; you ministers of his that do his will.

Bless the Lord all his works, in every place of his dominion, O my soul, bless thou the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

ANTHEM.

Let my prayer be directed as incense in thy sight; and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER.

Eph. chap. 1.

Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings, in heavenly places, in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and unspotted in his sight, in charity.

C—Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN.

O God, whose dwelling is on high,
Impervious to each mortal eye:
Where angels tremble in thy sight,
And veil their faces from thy light.

Here we in total darkness lost,
 Are by the storms of passion tost :
 When will the beams of endless day
 Our darkness cheer, our passions lay ?
 Thrice happy day ! the sun's bright light,
 Compar'd to thee, is gloom of night ;
 And yet to us this hope is given,
 To see this glorious day in heaven.

But why so long does it delay
 To cheer us with its promis'd ray ?
 Ah ! first that day must come, when we
 Shall put off our mortality.

Then shall the soul, freed from her ties,
 In wonder raise her raptur'd eyes ;
 To see, to love, and to adore
 Her God in bliss for evermore.

O sacred Trinity, give ear
 Unto thy people's humble pray'r ;
 Thee here below so may we love,
 That with thee we may reign above. *Amen.*

V—In God we will glory all the day long :

R—And to thy name we will give praise for ever.

PSALM 43.

ANTHEM.

The mercy of the Lord is on those that fear him,
 from generation to generation.—*Luc* 1.

CANTICLE.—*Magnificat.*

My soul doth magnify the Lord ;
 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid : for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done great things to me ; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generation, on them that fear him.

He hath shewed strength in his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats : and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel his servant : remembering his ancient mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers ; to Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

ANTHEM.

The mercy of the Lord is on those that fear him, from generation to generation.

P—The Lord be with you.

C—And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who hast given us grace, at this time, to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests ; fulfil now, we beseech thee, the desires

and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and, in the world to come, life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

P—The Lord be with you.

C—And with thy spirit.

P—Let us praise the Lord.

C—Thanks be to God.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

AN UNIVERSAL PRAYER.

For all things necessary for salvation.

O my God ! I *believe* in thee, do thou strengthen my faith.—All my *hopes* are in thee ; do thou secure them.—I *love* thee with my whole heart ; teach me to love thee daily more and more.—I am *sorry* that I have offended thee ; do thou increase my sorrow.

I adore thee as my first beginning.—I aspire after thee as my last end.—I give thee thanks as my constant benefactor.—I call upon thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by thy *wisdom* ; to restrain me by thy *justice* ; to comfort me by thy *mercy* ; to defend me by thy *power*.

To thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings : that henceforward I may think of thee, speak of thee, constantly refer all my actions to thy greater glory ; and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire, that in all things thy *will* may be done : because it is thy will, and in the manner thou wilt.

I beg of thee to enlighten my *understanding* ; to inflame my *will* ; to purify my *body* ; and to sanctify my *soul*.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my *offences* ; to overcome my *temptations* ; to subdue my *passions* ; and to acquire the *virtues* proper for my state.

Fill my heart with a tender *affection* for thy goodness ; a *hatred* for my faults ; a *love* for my neighbour ; and a *contempt* of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my *superiors* ; condescending to my *inferiors* ; faithful to my *friends* ; and charitable to my *enemies*.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by *mortification* ; avarice by *alms-deeds* ; anger by *meekness* ; and tepidity by *devotion*.

O my God ! make me *prudent* in my undertakings, *courageous* in dangers, *patient* in afflictions, and *humble* in prosperity.

Grant, that I may be ever *attentive* at my prayers, *temperate* at my meals, *diligent* in my employments, and *constant* in my good resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever *upright* and *pure* ;
my exterior *modest* ; my conversation *edifying* ;
and my comportment *regular*.

Assist me that I may continually labor to overcome *nature* ; to correspond with thy *grace* ; to keep thy *commandments* ; and to work out my *salvation*.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this *world* ; the greatness of *heaven* ; the shortness of *time* ; and the length of *eternity*.

Grant that I may prepare for *death* ; that I may fear thy *judgments* ; that I may escape *hell* ; and in the end obtain *heaven* ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen*.

THE LITANY.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences nor those of our parents, and take not revenge on our sins.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father, from heaven—*have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world—*have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost—*have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God—*have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary— <i>Pray for us.</i>	All ye holy Disciples of
Holy Mother of God,	our Lord,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,	All ye holy Innocents,
St. Michael,	St. Stephen,
St. Gabriel,	St. Lawrence,
St. Raphael,	St. Vincent,
All ye Holy Angels, and	St. Fabian, and St. Se-
Archangels,	bastian,
All ye Holy Orders of	St. John, and St. Paul,
blessed Spirits,	St. Cosmas, and St. Da-
St. John the Baptist,	mian,
St. Joseph,	St. Gervase, and St. Pro-
All ye holy Patriarchs	tase,
and Prophets,	All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Peter,	St. Silvester,
St. Paul,	St. Gregory,
St. Andrew,	St. Ambrose,
St. James,	St. Austin,
St. John,	St. Jerome,
St. Thomas,	St. Martin,
St. James,	St. Nicholas,
St. Philip,	All ye holy Bishops and
St. Bartholomew,	Confessors,
St. Matthew,	All ye holy Doctors,
St. Simon,	St. Anthony,
St. Thadde,	St. Bennet,
St. Mathias,	St. Bernard,
St. Barnaby,	St. Dominic,
St. Luke,	St. Francis,
St. Mark,	All ye holy Priests and
All ye holy Apostles and	Levites,
Evangelists,	All ye holy Monks and

Hermits,	St. Cecily,
St. Mary Magdalene,	St. Catherine,
St. Agatha,	St. Anastasia,
St. Lucy,	All ye holy Virgins and
St. Agnes,	Widows,

All ye Men and Women, saints of God—*Make intercession for us.*

Be merciful—*Spare us, O Lord.*

Be merciful—*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From all evil—*O Lord, deliver us.*

From all sin,	holy incarnation,
From thy wrath,	By thy coming,
From sudden and un-	By thy nativity,
provided death,	By thy baptism and
From the deceits of the	holy fasting,
devil,	By thy cross and pas-
From anger, hatred, and	sion,
all ill will,	By thy death and burial,
From the spirit of for-	By thy holy resurrection,
nication,	By thy admirable ascen-
From lightning and tem-	sion,
pest,	By the coming of the
From everlasting death.	Holy Ghost the Com-
By the mystery of thy	forter,

In the day of judgment, *O Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners—*beseech thee to hear us.*

That thou spare us—we beseech, &c.

That thou pardon us—we beseech, &c.

That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true repentance, *we beseech, &c.*

That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy church,

That thou vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders, in holy religion,

That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy church,

That thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to christian kings and princes,

That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all christian people,

That thou vouchsafe to comfort and keep us in thy holy service,

That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,

That thou render eternal good things to all our benefactors,

That thou deliver our souls, and those of our brethren, relations, and benefactors from eternal damnation,

That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,

That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us,

Son of God,

Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world—*spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, *hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us.*

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c. *secretly.*

And lead **us** not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.—Amen.

PSALM LXIX.

Incline unto my aid, O God ; O Lord, make haste to help me.

May they be confounded and ashamed who seek my soul.

May they be turned backward, and blush for shame, who desire evils to me.

May they be turned away forthwith, blushing for shame, who say to me, well, well.

May all that seek thee rejoice and be glad : and may those who love thy salvation, say always, the Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor : O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer: O Lord
make no delay.

Glory be, &c.

As it was, &c.

V—Save thy servants,

R—Trusting in thee, O my God.

V—Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength,

R—From the face of the enemy.

V—Let not the enemy prevail against us:

R—Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt us.

V—O Lord, deal not with us according to our
sins:

R—Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

V—Let us pray for our chief Bishop N.

R—The Lord preserve him, and give him life;
and make him blessed on earth, and deliver him
not to the will of his enemies.

V—Let us pray for our benefactors.

R—O Lord, for thy name's sake, vouchsafe to
give eternal life to all those by whom we have re-
ceived good.

V—Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R—Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and may
a perpetual light shine upon them.

V—May they rest in peace.

R—*Amen.*

V—For our absent brethren.

R—O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V—Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place:

R—And from Sion protect them.

V—O Lord, hear my prayer:

R—And let my supplication come to thee.

V—The Lord be with you:

R—And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

O God, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, receive our petition, that we, and all thy servants, who are bound by the chain of sin, may, by the compassion of thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

Hear, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers of thy supplicants, and pardon the sins of those who confess to thee, that in thy bounty thou mayest give us pardon and peace.

Out of thy clemency, O Lord, shew thy unspeakable mercy to us, that so thou mayest both acquit us of our sins, and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for them.

O God, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people, who make supplication to thee, and turn away the scourges of thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O Almighty and eternal God, have mercy on thy servant N, our chief Bishop, and direct him, ac-

according to thy clemency, in the way of everlasting salvation: that by thy grace he may desire such things as are agreeable to thy will, and perform them with all his strength.

O God, from whom are all holy desires, righteous counsels, and just works, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts being disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of enemies being removed, the times through thy protection may be peaceable.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

Prevent, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

O Almighty and Eternal God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all those whom thou foreknowest shall be thine by faith and good works, we humbly beseech thee, that they, for whom we have purposed to offer up our prayers, whether the present world still retains them in the flesh, or the next world

has received them out of their bodies, may, by the clemency of thy goodness, (all thy saints interceding for them) obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my supplication come to thee.

V. May the almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us :

R. *Amen.*

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. *Amen.*

THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

Come, O Holy Spirit ! fill the hearts of thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

V. Send forth thy spirit, and our hearts will be regenerated :

R. And thou wilt renew the face of the earth.

Place yourself in the presence of God, and give him thanks for all the benefits you have received from him, particularly this day.

O my God ! I firmly believe that thou art here, and perfectly seest me, and that thou observest all my actions, all my thoughts, and the most secret motions of my heart. Thou watchest over me with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing

favours, and preserving me from evil. Blessed be thy holy name, and may all creatures bless thy goodness for the benefits I have received from thee, and particularly this day. May the saints and angels supply my defect in rendering thee due thanks. Never permit me to be so base and wicked, as to repay thy bounties with ingratitude, and thy blessings with offences and injuries.

Ask our Lord Jesus Christ grace to discover the sins you have committed this day, and beg of him a true sorrow for them.

O my Lord Jesus Christ, Judge of the living and the dead, before whom I must one day appear to give an exact account of my whole life, enlighten me, I beseech thee, and give me an humble and contrite heart, that I may see wherein I have offended thy infinite Majesty, and judge myself now with such just severity, that then thou mayest judge me with mercy and clemency.

Here examine what sins you have committed this day, by thought, word, deed, or omission.

O my God, I detest these and all other sins which I have committed against thy Divine Majesty: I am extremely sorry that I have offended thee, because thou art infinitely good, and sin displeases thee. I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and I firmly purpose, by the help of thy grace, never more to offend thee. I resolve to avoid all the occasions of sin: I will confess my sins, and will endeavor to make satisfaction for them. Have mercy on me; O God, have mercy, and pardon me, a wretched

sinner. In the name of thy beloved Son Jesus, I humbly beg of thee to wash me with his precious blood, that my sins may be entirely remitted.

Endeavor, as much as possible, to put yourselves in the condition you desire to be found in at the hour of your death.

O my God, I accept of death as a homage and adoration which I owe to thy divine Majesty, and as a punishment justly due to my sins, in union with the death of my dear Redeemer, and as the only means of coming to thee my beginning and last end.

I firmly believe all the sacred truths which the Catholic Church believes and teaches, because thou hast revealed them; and by the assistance of thy grace I am resolved to live and die in the communion of this thy Church.

Relying upon thy goodness, power, and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins; and life everlasting, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, my only Redeemer, and through the intercession of his blessed Mother, and of all the saints.

I love thee with all my heart and soul, and I desire to love thee as the blessed do in heaven: I adore all the designs of thy divine providence, resigning myself entirely to thy will.

I also love my neighbour for thy sake, as I love myself. I sincerely forgive all that have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

I renounce the devil, with all his works, the world, with all its pomps, the flesh, with all its temptations. I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

P—Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

C—Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

May the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints, pray for us to our Lord, that we may be preserved this night from sin and all evils.—*Amen*.

Blessed St. Michael, defend us in the day of battle, that we may not be lost at the dreadful judgment.—*Amen*.

P—The Lord be with you :

C—And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy : may thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be always upon us, through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who, &c.

P—The Lord be with you :

C—And with thy spirit.

P—Let us bless the Lord.

C—Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the charity of God, and the communication of the Holy Ghost be with you all :—and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

SHORT MEDITATIONS ON DEATH.

ON SUNDAY.

We must all die, and quit all in which we now take content.

Our best friends will abandon us and leave us nothing but a winding-sheet.

Therefore quit all affection to creatures before they quit you.

ON MONDAY.

Death is certain : the time and manner are uncertain ; whether by a long disease, or some unexpected accident.

The Son of man will come at an hour when we little expect him.

Be therefore ready every moment, seeing you may die at any moment.

ON TUESDAY.

You can only die once ; and, if you die ill, the loss is irreparable.

If any one from hell could return to life, how would he prepare for death ?

Let the misery of others be an instruction to you.

ON WEDNESDAY.

Consider what will most alarm you at the hour of death : the sins you have committed, the doubtful state of your soul, and the thought of eternity.

O death ! how bitter is thy remembrance to a man who has peace in his sins.

Quit, therefore, all affection to temporal felicity.

ON THURSDAY.

Learn every day the art of dying well.

Defer not doing penance till the hour of death.

At that time the pains of your body and the anguish of your mind will take up all your thoughts.

ON FRIDAY.

Live as you intend to die, for you will die as you live.

If you forget God in your life-time, you will be forgotten at the hour of death.

The death of the wicked is miserable; the death of the just is precious in the sight of God.

ON SATURDAY.

Death is often nearer than you imagine: and many who have promised themselves a long life have been cut off suddenly in their sins.

Are you so ready, that if death should come to-night you would not be surprised?

Do not live in a state in which you dare not die.

The Litany of our Lady of Loretto.

ANTHEM.

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but obtain our deliverance from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father from heaven, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,—*Pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother undefiled,

Mother untouched,

Amiable Mother,

Admirable Mother,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Redeemer,

Most prudent Virgin,

Venerable Virgin,

Renowned Virgin,

Powerful Virgin,

Merciful Virgin,

Faithful Virgin,

Mirror of justice,

Seat of wisdom,

Cause of our joy,

Spiritual vessel,

Vessel of honor,

Vessel of singular devotion,

Mystical rose,—*Pray for us.*

Tower of David,

Tower of Ivory,

House of gold,

Ark of the covenant,

Gate of heaven,

Morning star,

Health of the sick,

Refuge of sinners,

Comforter of the afflicted,

Help of Christians,

Queen of angels,

Queen of patriarchs,

Queen of prophets,

Queen of apostles,

Queen of martyrs,

Queen of confessors,

Queen of virgins,

Queen of all Saints,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

Christ hear us,

Christ graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

Anth.—We fly to thy patronage, O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions in our necessities, but obtain our deliverance from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

P. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God :

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

May the divine assistance remain always with us. *Amen.*

And may the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Hymn, Ave maris stella.

Bright mother of our Maker, hail !

Thou virgin ever blest ;

The ocean's star by which we sail,

And gain the port of rest.

Whilst we this *ave* thus to thee

From *Gabriel's* mouth rehearse ;

Prevail, that peace our lot may be,

And *Eva's* name reverse.

Release our long entangled mind

From all the snares of ill ;

With heavenly light instruct the blind,

And all our vows fulfil.

Exert for us a mother's care,
 And us thy children own :
 Obtain of him to hear our prayer,
 Who chose to be thy son.

O spotless maid ! whose virtues shine
 With brightest purity :
 Each action of our lives refine,
 And make us pure like thee.

Preserve our lives unstain'd with ill,
 In this infectious way ;
 That heaven alone our souls may fill
 With joys that ne'er decay.

To God the Father endless praise ;
 To God the Son the same,
 And Holy Ghost, whose equal rays
 One equal glory claim. *Amen.*

V. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O Sacred Virgin.

R. Give me force against thy enemies.

LET US PRAY.

Defend, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this family from all adversity ; and being prostrate before thee with our whole hearts, mercifully protect us from the snares of our enemies ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Hymn to our Saviour, Jesu dulcis memoria.

Jesus, the only thought of thee,
 With sweetness fills my breast :
 But sweeter far it is to see,
 And on thy beauty feast.

No sound, no harmony so gay,
Can art or music frame :
No thoughts can reach, no words can say
The sweets of thy blest name.

Jesus ! our hope when we repent,
Sweet source of all our grace ;
Sole comfort in our banishment ;
O ! what, when face to face !

Jesus ! that name inspires my mind
With springs of life and light ;
More than I ask, in thee I find,
And lavish in delight.

No art, nor eloquence of man
Can tell the joys of love ;
Only the saints can understand
What they in Jesus prove.

Thee then I'll seek, retir'd apart,
From world and business free :
When these shall knock, I'll shut my heart,
And keep it all for thee.

Before the morning light I'll come,
With Magdalen, to find,
In sighs and tears, my Jesus' tomb,
And there refresh my mind.

My tears upon his grave shall flow,
My sighs the garden fill ;
'Then at his feet myself I'll throw,
And there I'll seek his will.

Jesus ! in thy bless'd steps I'll tread,
And walk in all thy ways ;

I'll never cease to weep and plead,
Till I'm restor'd to grace.

O King of love, thy blessed fire,
Does such sweet flames excite,
That first it raises the desire,
Then fills it with delight.

Thy lovely presence shines so clear,
'Thro' every sense and way,
That souls, which once have seen thee near,
See all things else decay.

Come then, dear Lord, possess my heart,
Chase thence the shades of night :
Come, pierce it with thy flaming dart,
And ever-shining light.

Then I'll for ever Jesus sing,
And with the saints rejoice :
And both my heart and tongue shall bring
Their tribute to my dearest King,
In never-ending joys. *Amen.*

A LITANY

In honor of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father from heaven—*Have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Jesus, the Son of the living God,

Jesus, the splendor of the Father, *have mercy on us.*

Jesus, the brightness of eternal light,

Jesus, the King of Glory,

Jesus, the Son of Justice,

Jesus, the Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, whose name is called Wonderful,

Jesus, the mighty God,

Jesus, the Father of the world to come,

Jesus, the Angel of the great council,

Jesus, most powerful,

Jesus, most patient,

Jesus, most obedient,

Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

Jesus, lover of chastity,

Jesus, lover of us,

Jesus, the God of peace,

Jesus, the author of life,

Jesus, the example of all virtues,

Jesus, the zealous lover of souls,

Jesus, our God,

Jesus, the Father of the poor,

Jesus, the treasure of the faithful,

Jesus, the good shepherd,

Jesus, the true light,

Jesus, the eternal wisdom,

Jesus, infinite goodness,

Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life,

Jesus, the joy of angels,

Jesus, the king of patriarchs,

Jesus, the inspirer of prophets,

Jesus, the master of the apostles,

Jesus, the teacher of the evangelists,

Jesus, the strength of martyrs,

Jesus, the light of confessors, *Have mercy on us.*

Jesus, the spouse of virgins,

Jesus, the crown of all saints,

Be merciful unto us.—*Spare us, O Lord Jesus.*

Be merciful unto us.—*Hear us, O Lord Jesus.*

From all evil,—*Lord Jesus deliver us.*

From all sin,

From thy wrath,

From the snares of the devil,

From the spirit of uncleanness,

From everlasting death,

From the neglect of thy holy inspirations,

Through the mystery of thy most holy incarnation,

Through thy nativity,

Through thy divine infancy,

Through thy sacred life,

Through thy labors and travels,

Through thy agony and bloody sweat,

Through thy cross and passion,

Through thy pains and torments,

Through thy death and burial,

Through thy glorious resurrection,

Through thy admirable ascension,

Through thy joys and glory,

In the day of judgment,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Lord Jesus.*

Christ Jesus, hear us,

Christ Jesus, graciously hear us.

LET US PRAY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast said, ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech thee, to our most humble supplications, the gift of thy divine love, that we may ever love thee with our whole hearts, and never cease from praising and glorifying thy name.

O Divine Redeemer, give us a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, for thou never ceasest to direct and govern, by thy grace, those whom thou instructest in the solidity of thy love, who livest and reignest, world without end. *Amen.*

O God, who hast appointed thy only begotten Son, the Saviour of mankind, and hast commanded that he should be called Jesus; mercifully grant that we may enjoy in heaven the happy sight of him whose holy name we venerate upon earth; who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, world without end. *Amen.*

THE JESUS PSALTER.

“There is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved.” *Acts iv. 12.*

This Psalter consists of fifteen petitions, and the glorious name of Jesus being repeated ten times before each of them, the repetition is made thrice fifty times. It may be said, either all at once, or at thrice, according to a person's devotion and leisure, as this sacred name is not to be repeated hastily over, but with great reverence and devotion.

Part 1. *You must begin with a devout kneeling, or bowing
t the adorable name of Jesus, saying :*

In the name of Jesus let every knee bow, of things
in heaven, of things on earth, and of things under
the earth ; and let every tongue confess that our
Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father
Phil. ii. 10.

The first Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } have mercy on me.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus have mercy on me, O God of compassion,
and forgive the many and great offences I have
committed in thy sight.

Many have been the follies of my life, and great
are the miseries I have deserved for my ingratitude.

Have mercy on me, dear Jesus, for I am weak !
O Lord heal me, who am unable to help myself.

Deliver me from setting my heart upon any of
thy creatures, which may divert my eyes from a
continual looking up to thee.

Grant me grace henceforth, for the love of thee,
to hate sin ; and out of a just esteem of thee, to
despise all worldly vanities.

Have mercy on all sinners, Jesus, I beseech
thee ; turn their vices into virtues, and making
them true observers of thy law, and sincere lovers
of thee, bring them to bliss in everlasting glory.

Have mercy also on the souls in purgatory, for
thy bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy
glorious name Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on me. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The second Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } help me.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, help me to overcome all temptation to sin, and the malice of my ghostly enemy.

Help me to spend my time in virtuous actions, and in such labours as are acceptable to thee.

To resist and repel the motions of my flesh to sloth, gluttony, and carnality.

To render my heart enamoured of virtue, and inflamed with desires of thy glorious presence.

Help me to deserve and keep a good name, by a peaceful and pious living, to thy honor, O Jesus, to my own comfort, and the benefit of others.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c. *as before*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The third Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } strengthen me.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, strengthen me in soul and body, to please thee in doing such works of virtue as may bring me to thy everlasting joy and felicity.

Grant me a firm purpose, most merciful Saviour, to amend my life, and to compensate for the past years :

Those years which I have mis-spent, to thy displeasure, in vain or wicked thoughts, words, deeds, and evil customs.

Make my heart obedient to thy will, and ready, for thy love, to perform all the works of mercy.

Grant me the gift of the Holy Ghost, which, by a virtuous life, and devout frequenting thy most holy sacraments, may at length bring me to thy heavenly kingdom.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The fourth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } comfort me.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, comfort me, and give me grace to place my chief, my only joy, and felicity in thee.

Send me heavenly meditations, spiritual sweetness, and fervent desires of thy glory; ravish my soul with the contemplation of heaven, where I shall everlastingly dwell with thee.

Bring often to my remembrance thy unspeakable goodness, thy gifts, and the great kindness thou hast shewn me.

And when thou bringest to my mind the sad remembrance of my sins, whereby I have so unkindly offended thee,

Comfort me with the assurance of obtaining thy grace, by the spirit of perfect repentance, which

may purge away my guilt, and prepare me for thy kingdom.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The fifth petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } make me constant.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, make me constant in faith, hope, and charity, giving me perseverance in all virtues, and a resolution never to offend thee.

Let the memory of thy passion, and of those bitter pains thou sufferedst for me, strengthen my patience, and recreate me in all tribulation and adversity.

Let me always hold fast the doctrines of thy Catholic Church, and render me a diligent frequenter of all holy duties.

Let no false delight of this deceitful world blind me, no carnal temptation, no fraud of the devil shake my heart.

My heart, which has for ever set up its rest in thee, and resolved to undervalue all for thy eternal reward.

Have mercy on all sinners, Jesus, I beseech thee; turn their vices into virtues, and making them true observers of thy law, and sincere lovers of thee, bring them to bliss in everlasting glory.

Have mercy also on the souls in purgatory, for thy bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious name Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on me.

Our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, being made obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross. Phil. ii. 8.

Hear these my petitions, O my most merciful Saviour, and grant me grace so frequently to repeat and consider them, that they may prove easy steps, whereby my soul may ascend to the knowledge, love, and performance of my duty to thee and my neighbour, through the whole course of my life. *Amen.*—Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe, &c.

PART II.

Begin as before, saying: In the name of Jesus, let every knee, &c.

The sixth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} enlighten me with spiritual wisdom.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

Jesus, enlighten me with spiritual wisdom to know thy goodness, and all those things which are most acceptable to thee.

Grant me a clear apprehension of my only good, and discretion to order my life according to it.

Grant that I may wisely proceed from virtue to virtue, till at length I arrive at the clear vision of thy glorious majesty.

Permit me not, dear Lord, to return to those sins for which I have been sorry, and for which I have atoned by repentance and confession.

Grant me grace to benefit the souls of others by my good example, and to reclaim those by good counsel, who misbehave towards me.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as at first*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The seventh Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} grant me grace
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

to fear thee.

Jesus, grant me grace inwardly to fear thee, and to avoid all occasions of offending thee.

Let thy threats of the torments which are to fall on sinners, the fear of losing thy love and thy heavenly inheritance, always keep me in awe.

Let me not dare to remain in sin, but soon return to repentance, lest through thy anger, the dreadful sentence of endless death and damnation fall upon me.

Let the powerful intercession of thy blessed Mother, and all thy saints, but above all, thy own merits and mercy, O my Saviour, be ever between thy avenging justice and my poor soul.

Enable me, O my God, to work out my salvation with fear and trembling; and let the apprehension of thy sacred judgment render me a more humble and diligent suitor to the throne of thy grace.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as at first*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The eighth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me grace
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } to love thee.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, grant me grace truly to love thee for thy infinite goodness, and for those excessive bounties I have received, and hope for ever to receive from thee.

Let the remembrance of thy kindness and patience, conquer the malice and wretched inclinations of my perverse nature.

Let the consideration of my many deliverances, thy frequent calls, and continual assistance in the ways of life, make me ashamed of my ingratitude.

And what dost thou require of me for all thy mercies, or by them, but to love thee? And why dost thou require it, but because thou art my only good?

O my dear Lord, my whole life shall be nothing but a desire of thee: and because I indeed love thee, I will most diligently keep thy commandments.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The ninth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me grace to re-
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } member my death.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, grant me grace always to remember my death, and the great account I am then to give;

that so my soul being always well disposed, it may depart out of this world in thy grace.

Then, by the holy intercession of thy blessed Mother, and the assistance of the glorious St. *Michael*, deliver me from the enemy of my soul; and thou, my good angel, I beseech thee to help me at that most important hour.

Then, dear Jesus, remember thy mercy, and turn not thy most amiable face away from me, because of my offences.

Secure me against the terrors of that day, by causing me now to die daily to all earthly things, and so to have my conversation continually in heaven.

Let the remembrance of thy death teach me how to esteem my life; and the memory of thy resurrection encourage me to descend cheerfully into the grave.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The tenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} send me here my
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

purgatory.

Jesus, send me here my purgatory, and so prevent the torments of that cleansing fire which attend those souls in the next world, that have not been sufficiently purified in this.

Vouchsafe to grant me those merciful crosses and afflictions, which thou seest necessary for the taking off my affections from all things here below.

Since none can see thee that loves any thing which is not for thy sake, suffer not my heart to find any rest here, but in sighing after thee.

Too bitter alas! will be the anguish of a soul that is separated from thee, that desires, but cannot come to thee, being clogged with the heavy chains of sin.

Here then, O my Saviour, keep me continually mortified to this world; that, being purified thoroughly with the fire of thy love, I may immediately pass from hence into thy everlasting possessions.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c. *as in the fifth petition.* Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe, &c.

PART III.

Begin as before, saying: In the name of *Jesus*, let every knee, &c.

The eleventh Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} grant me grace to avoid bad company.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

Jesus, grant me grace to avoid bad company; or if I chance to come among such, I beseech thee, by the merits of thy uncorrupt conversation among sinners, preserve me from being overcome by any temptations to mortal sin.

Cause me, O blessed Lord, to remember always with dread, that thou art present, and hearest, who wilt take an account of all our words and actions, and wilt judge according to them.

How dare I then converse with slanderers, liars, drunkards, or swearers; or with such whose discourse is either quarrelsome, dissolute, or vain.

Repress in me, dear Jesus, all inordinate affections to carnal pleasure, and to the delight of taste; grant me grace to avoid such company as would blow the fire of those unruly appetites.

Thy power defend, thy wisdom direct, thy fatherly pity chastise me, and make me live so among men, that I may be fit for the conversation of angels hereafter.

Have mercy on all sinners, *as at first.* Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The twelfth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} grant me grace to call on thee for help.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

Jesus grant me grace in all my necessities to call on thee for help, faithfully remembering thy death and resurrection for me.

Wilt thou be deaf to my cries, that wouldst lay down thy life for my ransom? or canst thou not save me, that couldst take it up again for my crown?

Whom have I in heaven but thee, O my Jesus, whose blessed mouth has pronounced, *Call on me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee.*

Thou art my sure rock of defence against all sorts of enemies; thou art my ready grace, able to strengthen me to every good work.

Therefore in all my sufferings, weakness, and temptations, I will confidently call on thee; hear me, O my Jesus, and when thou hearest, have mercy.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The thirteenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	} make me persevere in virtue.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,	

Jesus, make me persevere in virtue and a good life, and never give over thy service, till thou bringest me to my reward in thy kingdom.

In all pious customs and holy duties, in my honest and necessary employments, continue and strengthen, O Lord, my soul and body.

Is my life any thing but a pilgrimage on earth, towards the new Jerusalem, to which he that sits down, or turns out of the way, can never arrive?

O Jesus, make me always consider thy blessed example: through how much pain, and how little pleasure, thou didst press on to a bitter death: that being the way to a glorious resurrection.

Make me, O my Redeemer, seriously weigh those severe words of thine, *he only that perseveres to the end shall be saved*.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The fourteenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } grant me grace to fix
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } my mind on thee.
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, }

Jesus, grant me grace to fix my mind on thee, especially in time of prayer, when I directly converse with thee.

Stop the motions of my wandering head, and the desires of my unstable heart; suppress the power of my spiritual enemies, who endeavour at that time to draw my mind from heavenly thoughts, to many vain imaginations.

So shall I, with joy and gratitude, look on thee as my deliverer from all the evils I have escaped; and as my benefactor for all the good I have ever received, or can hope for.

I shall see that thou art my only good, and that all other things are but means ordained by thee, to make me fix my mind on thee, to make me love thee more and more, and by loving thee to be eternally happy.

O beloved of my soul, take up all my thoughts here, that my eyes, abstaining from all vain and hurtful sights, may become worthy to behold thee face to face in thy glory for ever.

Have mercy on all sinners, &c., *as before*. Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c.

The fifteenth Petition.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } give me grace to order my
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } life towards my eternal
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, } welfare.

Jesus, give me grace to order my life towards my eternal welfare, heartily intending, and wisely designing, all the operations of my body and soul to obtain the reward of infinite bliss, and eternal felicity.

For what else is this world, but a school to breed up souls, and fit them for the other ; and how are they fitted but by an eager desire of enjoying God, their only end ?

Break my proud spirit, O Jesus, make it humble and obedient ; grant me grace to depart hence with contempt of this world, and a heart filled with joy at my going to thee.

May the memory of thy passion make me cheerfully endure all trials and sufferings here for thy love, whilst my soul breathes after that blissful life, and immortal glory, which thou hast prepared in heaven for thy servants.

O Jesus, I will frequently and attentively consider that whatever I gain, if I lose thee, all is lost : and whatever I lose, if I gain thee, all is gained.

Have mercy on all sinners, Jesus, I beseech thee ; turn their vices into virtues, and making them true observers of thy law, and sincere lovers of thee, bring them to bliss in everlasting glory.

Have mercy also on the souls in purgatory, for thy bitter passion, I beseech thee, and for thy glorious name Jesus.

O blessed Trinity, one eternal God, have mercy on me. *The Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, being made obedient unto death, even unto the death of the cross.* Phil. ii. 8.

Hear these my petitions, O my merciful Saviour, and grant me thy grace so frequently to repeat and consider them, that they may prove easy steps, whereby my soul may ascend to the knowledge, love, and performance of my duty to thee, and to my neighbours, through the whole course of my life. *Amen.*—Our Father, &c. Hail Mary, &c. I believe, &c.

THE ROSARY.

The Method of saying the Rosary of our blessed Lady, as it was ordered by his Holiness Pope Pius V.

The devotion called the Rosary consists of fifteen Paternosters and one hundred and fifty Ave-Marias, divided into three parts, each containing five Decades, *viz.*, five Paters and fifty Aves. To each of these Decades is assigned one of the principal mysteries of the life of our Saviour, or his blessed Mother, as a matter of meditation, whereon the mind is to exercise itself whilst at prayer, and therefore it is prefixed to each Decade.

The fifteen mysteries, as has been already observed, are divided into three parts, *viz.*, five joyful, five sorrowful, and five glorious mysteries. Now the method consists in raising corresponding affections in the will, during the recital of each Decade, such as the devotion of each one may suggest: for example, in the first part, sentiments of

joy for the coming of our Redeemer. In the second, of *compassion* for the sufferings of our Lord, and contrition for our sins, which were the occasion of them. In the third, of *thanksgiving* for the exaltation of the glory of our Saviour, and his blessed Mother, hoping through the merits of his passion, and her intercession, to be made partakers of their glory.

The joyful Mysteries, assigned for Mondays and Thursdays throughout the Year, the Sundays in Advent, and after Epiphany till Lent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.

The Annunciation.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the angel Gabriel saluted our blessed Lady with the title *full of grace*, and declared unto her the incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O Holy Mary, Queen of Virgins, through the most high mystery of the incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun; obtain for us, through thine intercession, light to be sensible of the greatness of the benefit he hath bestowed on us, in vouchsafing to become our Brother, and thee his own beloved Mother, to be our Mother also.
Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Visitation.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the angel that her cousin, St. Elizabeth, had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O Holy Virgin, most spotless Mirror of humility, by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth; obtain for us through thine intercession, that our hearts being visited by thy most holy Son, and freed from all sin, we may praise and give him thanks for ever.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Birth of our Saviour Christ in Bethlehem.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer Jesus Christ, at midnight, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inns at Bethlehem.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O most pure Mother of God, through thy virginal and most joyful delivery, whereby thou gavest the world thy only Son our Saviour; we beseech thee to obtain for us, through thine intercession, the grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world, that we may become worthy to sing without ceasing, both day and night, the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. *Amen.*

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

The Oblation of our blessed Lord in the Temple.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the Temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to God, with great devotion received him into his arms.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O Holy Virgin, most admirable mistress and patroness of obedience, who didst present in the Temple the Lord of the Temple; obtain for us, of thy beloved Son, that with holy Simeon, and devout Anna, we may praise and glorify him for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.

The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, after having lost, without

any fault of hers, her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought him for the space of three days, and at length found him the third day in the Temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, being of the age of twelve years.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

Most blessed Virgin, more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy wherewith thy soul was ravished at finding thy beloved Son in the Temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them; obtain of him, that we may so seek him, and find him in the holy Catholic Church, as to be never more separated from him. *Amen.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Salve Regina, p. 72.

Hail, happy Queen, thou mercy's parent, hail!
 Life, hope, and comfort of this earthly vale;
 To thee we *Heva's* wretched children cry:
 In sighs and tears, to thee we suppliants fly.
 Rise, glorious Advocate, exert thy love,
 And let our vows thine eyes of pity move.
 O sweet, O pious maid! for us obtain,
 For us, who long have in our exile lain,
 To see thy infant Jesus, and with him reign. }

V.—Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R.—That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and eternal God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary, that she might become a habitation worthy of thy Son, grant, that as we joyfully celebrate her memory, so we may, through her pious intercession, be delivered from present evils and everlasting death; through, &c. *Amen.*

May the divine assistance remain always with us. *Amen.*

And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

Hear, O Merciful God, the prayer of thy servants, that we, who meet together in the society of the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin, Mother of God, may through her intercession, be delivered by thee from the dangers that continually hang over us. *Amen.*

The dolorous or sorrowful Mysteries, for Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the Year, and the Sundays in Lent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.

The Prayer and Bloody Sweat of our blessed Saviour in the Garden.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the Garden of Gethsemani, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops upon the ground.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

Most holy Virgin, more than martyr, by that ardent prayer which thy beloved Son poured forth unto his Father in the Garden, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always, and in all things, conform and subject ourselves to the will of God. *Amen.*

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Scourging of our blessed Lord at the Pillar.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him (*as it was revealed to St. Bridget*) being about five thousand.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O Mother of God, overflowing fountain of patience, through those stripes thy only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us; obtain of him for us grace, that we may know how to mortify our rebellious senses, and cut off all occasions of sinning, with that sword of grief and compassion which pierced thy most tender soul. *Amen.*

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Crowning of our blessed Saviour with Thorns.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan platted a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the most sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O Mother, of our eternal Prince, and King of Glory, by those sharp thorns, wherewith his most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee, that through thy intercession, we may be delivered from all motions of pride, and in the day of judgment, from that confusion which our sins deserve. *Amen.*

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

Jesus carrying his Cross,

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to die, bore, with the most amazing patience, the cross, which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O Holy Virgin, example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the cross on which thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ bore the heavy weight of our sins; obtain for us, of him, through thy intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps, and bear our cross after him unto the end of our lives. *Amen.*

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.

The Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being come to Mount Calvary,

was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the cross in the presence of his most afflicted Mother.

Our Father, &c. *once*.

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times*.

LET US PRAY.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, as the body of thy beloved Son was for us stretched on the cross, so may our desires be daily more and more extended in his service, and our hearts wounded with compassion for his most bitter passion; and thou, O most blessed Virgin, graciously vouchsafe, by thy powerful intercession, to help us to accomplish the work of our salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hail, happy Queen, &c. with the verses and prayer as above. Page 148.

The glorious Mysteries, for Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the Year, and the Sundays from Easter till Advent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.

The Resurrection.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father, &c. *once*.

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times*.

LET US PRAY.

O Glorious Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy thou receivedst in the resurrection of thine only Son, we beseech thee obtain of him for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed in the pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. *Amen.*

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Ascension of Christ into Heaven.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in the sight and to the great admiration of his most holy mother, his holy apostles and disciples.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O Mother of God, comforter of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands, and blessed his apostles, so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him for us, that we may enjoy the benefits of his blessing, and thine also on earth, and hereafter in heaven. *Amen.*

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right-hand

of God, sent, as he had promised, the Holy Ghost, upon his apostles, who after he had ascended, returning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O Sacred Virgin, tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee obtain by thy intercession, that this most sweet Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his apostles (filling them thereby with spiritual joy), may teach us, in this world, the true way of salvation, and make us walk in the paths of virtue and good works. *Amen.*

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

The Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin, some years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy angels.

Our Father, &c. *once.*

Hail Mary, &c. *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O most prudent Virgin, who entering the heavenly palace didst fill the holy angels with joy, and man with hope, vouchsafe to intercede for us at the hour of our death, that being delivered from the illusions and temptations of the Devil, we may joyfully and securely pass out of this temporal state, to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. *Amen.*

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.

The Coronation of the most blessed Virgin Mary in Heaven.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, to the great jubilee and exaltation of the whole court of heaven, and particular glory of all the saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

Our Father, &c., *once.*

Hail Mary, &c., *ten times.*

LET US PRAY.

O glorious Queen of the heavenly citizens, we beseech thee, accept this Rosary, which as a crown of roses we offer at thy feet : and grant, most gracious Lady, that, by thy intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die in us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. *Amen.*

Hail, happy Queen, &c., with the verse and prayer, as above.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEVOTIONS FOR
CONFIRMATION.

When the Apostles had heard that Samaria had received the word of God ; they sent to them Peter and John ; who, when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. For he was not, as yet, come upon any of them ; but they were only baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost. Acts viii. 14, 15, 16, 17.

Confirmation is a sacrament, by which the faithful, who have already been made *children of*

God by their *baptism*, receive the Holy Ghost by the prayer and imposition of the hands of the bishops, the successors of the apostles, in order to their being made *strong and perfect Christians*, and valiant *soldiers of Jesus Christ*. It is called *confirmation* from its effect, which is to *confirm* or *strengthen* those that receive it, in the profession of the true faith; to give them such courage and resolution as to be willing rather to die than to turn from it; and to arm them in general against all their spiritual enemies.

2. This sacrament was originally designed and instituted by our Lord for all Christians, and consequently is a *divine ordinance*, which all are obliged to comply with; and is so necessary, that the neglect of receiving it would be a great sin; more especially in such circumstances where persons are exposed to persecutions, on account of their religion, or to other temptations against faith.

3. The principal effects of this sacrament are, a *fortifying* grace, in order to strengthen the soul against all the visible and invisible enemies of the faith; and a certain dedication and consecration of the soul by the Holy Ghost, the mark of which dedication and consecration is left in the soul, as a *character* which can never be effaced.

4. Hence the Sacrament can be received but once; and it would be a sacrilege to attempt to receive it a second time: for which reason also, the faithful are bound to take extreme care to come to this sacrament duly disposed; lest, if

they were so unhappy as to receive it in mortal sin, they should receive their own condemnation; and run the risk of being for ever deprived of its grace.

5. Now the dispositions which the Christian must bring along with him, to receive worthily the sacrament of *confirmation*, must be a *purity of conscience*, at least from all mortal sin; for which reason, he ought to go to confession before he is *confirmed*, for the Holy Ghost will not come to a soul in which Satan reigns by mortal sin. 2. A sincere desire of giving himself up to the Holy Ghost, to follow the influence of his divine grace, to be his temple for ever; and by his assistance, to answer all the obligations of a soldier of *Christ*.

6. Hence a Christian ought to prepare himself for this sacrament, by fervent prayer, as we find the apostles prepared themselves for the receiving the Holy Ghost. *They continued with one accord in prayer*, says St. *Luke*, speaking of the ten days that passed between the ascension of our Lord and pentecost; *and they were continually in the temple praising and blessing God*. How happy shall they be, who, like them, prepare themselves for the Holy Ghost by these spiritual exercises.

7. The manner of administering the sacrament of confirmation is as follows: First, the *bishop* turning towards those who are to be confirmed, with his hands joined before his breast, says:

Bish. "Our help is in the name of the Lord,"

Answ. "Who made heaven and earth."

Bish. "O Lord, hear my prayer:"

Answ. "And let my cry come unto thee."

Bish. "The Lord be with you,"

Answ. "And with thy spirit."

Then extending his hands towards those who are to be confirmed, which the ancients called the *Imposition of hands*, he addresses this solemn prayer to the eternal Father, begging of him, through *Jesus Christ* his Son, that he would send down his Holy Spirit, with all his gifts into their souls.

Bish. "LET US PRAY.

"O Almighty, everlasting God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate these thy servants, by water and the Holy Ghost, and who hast given them the remission of their sins; send forth upon them the seven-fold Holy Spirit, the Paraclete from heaven."

Answ. "Amen."

Bish. "The spirit of wisdom and understanding."

Answ. "Amen."

Bish. "The spirit of counsel and fortitude."

Answ. "Amen."

Bish. "The spirit of knowledge and piety."

Answ. "Amen."

Bish. "Replenish them with the spirit of thy fear, and sign them with the sign of the cross of *Christ*, in thy mercy, unto life everlasting, through the same *Jesus Christ*, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the *same* Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*"

Then the bishop takes the name of each person that is to be *confirmed*, which may either be the same they had in baptism, or the name of any saint whom they choose for their patron, and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each, with the holy *Chrism*, or consecrated oil, saying :

Bish. "N. I sign thee with the sign of the cross, "and I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and "of the Holy Ghost." *Answ.* "Amen."

Then he gives the person *confirmed* a little blow on the cheek, saying, *Pax tecum, Peace be with thee* : to signify that henceforth he is to be ready, like a true soldier of *Jesus Christ*, to suffer patiently all kinds of affronts and injuries for his faith, and for the cause of his Lord ; and to comfort himself, that the true *peace* of God, which *surpasseth all understanding* (Phil. iv. 7.) will ever be with him in all his conflicts and sufferings for so good a cause.

The *chrism*, with which the sacrament of *confirmation* is administered in the Catholic church, is a compound of *oil* of olives, and *balm* or *balsam*, solemnly consecrated by the bishop on *Maunday Thursday* ; kept with great veneration in the church, and made use of only in the consecration of such things as are in a particular manner set aside for the service of God, and dedicated and sanctified to him. Thus we consecrate, with this holy unction, bishops, churches, altars, and chalices : and whatsoever is once anointed with this sacred *chrism*, is in such manner looked upon as

set apart for God, that it must not, on any account, be perverted or turned to profane uses : it would be no less a crime than sacrilege, to violate or profane any such thing as has been thus sanctified. Hence Christians are to understand that, by this *unction* of the holy *chrism*, which they receive in their confirmation, they are also solemnly dedicated and consecrated to God, to be his temples for ever ; that this *outward unction* is the visible sign of an *inward unction* and sanctification of their souls by the Holy Ghost ; that the mysterious compound of the *oil* and *balm* denotes the properties, graces, and effects of this Holy Spirit in their souls, by the *strengthening and softening* of the *oil*, and *sweet odour* of the *balm* ; and that from this time forward, they must consider themselves as dedicated in such a manner to God, both in soul and body, as that it would be a kind of sacrilege to profane either of them by mortal sin.

After all have been confirmed, the bishop washes his hands ; and in the mean time, the following anthem is said or sung :

“ Confirm, O God, that which thou hast wrought in us from thy holy temple which is in *Jerusalem*.”

“ Glory be to the Father, &c.”

“ As it was in the beginning, &c.”

Then after repeating again the anthem, “ Confirm, O God, &c.” the bishop standing, turned towards the altar, prays as follows :

Bish. "Shew us, O Lord, thy mercy!"

Answ. "And grant us thy salvation."

Bish. "O Lord, hear my prayer!"

Answ. "And let my cry come to thee."

Bish. "The Lord be with you,"

Answ. "And with thy spirit."

Bish. "LET US PRAY.

"O God, who gavest the Holy Ghost to thy
 "apostles, and hast been pleased to ordain that by
 "them, and by their successors, he should be given
 "to the rest of the faithful; mercifully look down
 "upon what we thy poor servants have done; and
 "grant that the hearts of these thy faithful, whose
 "foreheads we have anointed with the sacred
 "chrism and signed with the sign of the holy cross,
 "may, by the same Holy Ghost coming down into
 "them, and by his vouchsafing to dwell in them,
 "be made the temple of his glory, who, with the
 "Father and the same Holy Ghost, livest and
 "reignest, God, world without end. *Amen.*"

Then the bishop gives his benediction to all present in these words:

"Behold thus shall every man be blessed, who
 "feareth the Lord. May the Lord bless you out
 "of *Sion*, that you may see the things of *Jerusa-*
lem all the days of your life; and that you may
 "live with him for all eternity. *Amen.*"

PRAYERS BEFORE AND AFTER CON- FIRMATION.

Before confirmation, it would be proper, during some days, to prepare for it by frequent and fervent prayer; espe-

cially by frequent acts of sorrow and contrition for all our known and unknown sins, reciting for that purpose the following or the like prayers :

A Prayer of a penitent Sinner.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who hast created me to thy own image and likeness, and redeemed me by the precious blood of thy only Son : who hast thought on me and loved me from all eternity ; and out of pure love prepared a heaven for me, with all the necessary means to bring me thither : who hast borne with me, for so long a time, in my repeated offences and treasons against thee ; hast still continued, with infinite goodness and mercy, to call, to invite, to press me to turn to thee ; notwithstanding all my monstrous ingratitude to thee, and my contempt of all thy graces. Behold I now desire, with my whole heart, to quit these husks of swine which have kept me so long at a distance from thy house, my true home ; and to come back to thee : to obey the summons which thou hast been pleased to send me ; and to confess and detest all my sins, in thy presence, in hopes of finding mercy at this time of mercy. I desire now to come before thee, though infinitely unworthy, in the spirit of humility, and with a contrite heart ; and to make at thy feet a general confession of all my sins. I acknowledge that, from my first coming to the use of reason, to this very hour, my whole life has been nothing but sin and misery. Alas ! I lost thee, I turned my back upon thee. I shamefully preferred worthless toys before thee, even from the very time I was first capable of knowing and loving thee ; I have

very seldom thought of thee ; I have daily and hourly many ways broken thy commandments. Good God ! what then must become of this poor wretch in the day of thy judgment : this wretch, whose known and unknown sins are without number ; and who has done so very little good, to put in the scales to counterbalance so much evil ? Must I then despair of thy mercy ? must I give up the cause, abandon myself to Satan, sin, and hell ? No, my God ; may thy infinite goodness forbid I should fall into that bottomless pit, where none shall ever confess to thee. My iniquities are great, it is true ; but thy goodness, thy mercy, thy power, are still greater. Thou hast declared, it is not thy will the sinner should perish ; but that he should be converted and live : thou hast declared, there is more joy in thy heavenly court over one penitent sinner, than over ninety-nine just : thy Son has shed his blood for me, to purchase for me a full forgiveness of all my sins. Here is my hope : this mercy I lay hold on : and nothing shall make me quit my hold. I know the worst of sinners have been cleansed from all their filth, in this sovereign bath ; should my case be even worse than the worst of theirs, the mercy and grace of my God, and the virtue of the precious blood of my Redeemer, is abundantly sufficient, and will appear the more illustrious in my cure. O infinite goodness, who hast endured me for so many years, since I first fell from thee by sin ; who hast kept me all this while from falling into hell, and hast continually cherished me with innumerable favors and graces : behold me now

prostrate at thy feet, accusing myself of my crimes, and imploring thy mercy. I am that prodigal child, that have gone into a far country from thee, and have squandered away all the substance thou gavest me. I have made myself a slave to the devil, who has set me to feed his swine, even my own brutish passions, and sensual inclinations. I have sought, but sought, alas! in vain, to satisfy my craving appetite with their husks: but now being made sensible of my misery, and being weary of my own evil ways, I come back to thee. I acknowledge myself unworthy to be received in the quality of thy child; all I crave is thy mercy in the forgiveness of my manifold treasons; I dare not lift up my eyes to thee: I dare not ask for the meanest place in thy family. I find myself quite loaded and oppressed with the enormous weight of my sins. If I consider my own deserts, I can look for nothing but hell; which I have deserved a thousand and a thousand times. I now hate and detest my evil ways, I abhor myself for having been so wicked and ungrateful to thee. I have even crucified thy Son, my divine lover, over and over again by my sins. But O, thou fountain of mercy, have pity and compassion on this miserable wretch. Look not upon *my sins*, but upon the bowels of *thy tender mercy*, and the *merits of my Redeemer*. Look upon the face of thy Christ, and upon all he has done and suffered for poor sinners. O mercy, mercy, mercy, through *that blood* which he shed for me in his agony in the garden of *Gethsemani*; through *that blood* he shed for me, when he was rent and torn with scourges

and crowned with thorns; through *that blood* he shed for me upon the cross. Grant this mercy, which he then asked for me, when he was bleeding and dying for me; and which he now implores sitting at thy right hand, where he is still the advocate of sinners. Hear also the prayers of thy holy church spread throughout the whole earth, which she now offers in his name, and through his merits, imploring thy mercy at this time for all her children, of which I am the most unworthy. Hear the prayers of the blessed Virgin, and of the whole church of heaven, whom I humbly beseech to be joint petitioners with the church upon earth to obtain mercy for me and all poor sinners, through the same Jesus Christ thy Son. And turning myself to thee, my dearest Jesus, my Redeemer and my Advocate, the great High Priest of God and man, the Pastor and Bishop of our souls, I beg of thee, to whom all power is given in heaven and earth, pardon, absolution, and full remission of all my sins. I am heartily sorry for all my offences: I desire to lay them all down at thy feet, to be cancelled by thy precious blood: I wish, with all my soul, I had never offended thy infinite goodness: I wish I could wash thy feet, like *Magdalen*, with penitential tears. O that I could worthily bewail my sins even with tears of blood. I resolve by thy grace rather to die, than commit the like any more. I resolve to make the best satisfaction I am able, by bringing forth worthy fruits of penance. O discharge me this once from the dismal load of the guilt of my crimes! O release all the bands that may keep my soul from

thee, and thy heavenly kingdom ! and then, as to this life, do with me what thou pleasest. I willingly accept from thy hands whatever crosses and sufferings thou shalt send : I will dedicate the remainder of my days to thee ; daily to bewail my sins, and daily to present my heart to thee. I will make what amends I can for all my past offences, by a life of penance and a life of love. I renounce from this moment, and for ever, the world, the flesh, and the devil ; and all their suggestions, vanities, and concupiscences : and I fully determine to be for ever thine. O cleanse my soul from all my past abominations ; and may nothing henceforward, either in life or death, evermore separate me from thee ; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God world without end. *Amen.*

The Hymn, Veni Creator.

Come Holy Ghost, Creator come,
From thy bright heavenly throne,
Come take possession of our souls,
And make them all thy own.

Thou who art call'd the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above ;
The living Spring, the living Fire,
Sweet Uction, and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand ;
His promise teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

O! guide our minds with thy best light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with thy strength, which ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our hellish foe,
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,
Through thee the eternal Son,
And thee the Spirit of them both,
Thrice blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
With his co-equal Son;
The like to thee, great Paraclete,
'Till time itself is done. *Amen.*

The Hymn, Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Come Holy Ghost, send down those beams,
Which sweetly flow in silent streams,
From thy bright throne above.
O come, thou Father of the poor,
O come, thou Source of all our store;
Come, fill our hearts with love.

O thou of Comforters the best,
O thou the soul's delightful guest,
The pilgrim's sweet relief.
Thou art true rest in toil and sweat,
Refreshment in the excess of heat,
And solace in our grief.

Thrice blessed light, shoot home thy darts,
And pierce the centres of those hearts,
Whose faith aspires to thee.
Without thy Godhead nothing can
Have any price or worth in man,
Nothing can harmless be.

Lord wash our sinful stains away ;
Water from heaven our barren clay ;
Our wounds and bruises heal .
To thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow ;
Warm with thy fire our hearts of snow ;
Our wandering feet repeal.

Grant to thy faithful, dearest Lord,
Whose only hope is thy sure word,
The seven gifts of the spirit.
Grant us in life thy helping grace ;
Grant us at death to see thy face,
And endless joy inherit. *Amen.*

Anth.—Come, holy spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

V.—Send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R.—And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY.

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that we may, by the gift of the same Spirit, be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER BEFORE CONFIRMATION.

O God of infinite goodness and bounty, who hast been pleased at *my baptism*, to make me a Christian, to sanctify my soul with thy grace, and to honor me with the glorious title of thy child ; which, alas ! for my part, I have so wretchedly corresponded with, and have even forfeited a thousand times by my sins ; behold, notwithstanding all my ingratitude and my repeated treasons, which thou hast so long and patiently endured ; thou art still pleased not only to invite me to return to thee, and to offer me thy mercy, but also to call upon me at this time to come and to present myself, in order to receive the greatest of all thy gifts, even thy own most Holy Spirit ; to be consecrated to thee by his unction ; to be made a strong and perfect Christian, and a soldier of thy Son. O may all heaven and earth praise thee, bless thee, and glorify thee for ever, for all thy mercy, goodness, and bounty to me. And now, dearest Lord, I desire to come because such is thy will, and my duty, to receive this great sacrament of confirmation ; that I may, like thy apostles, be *baptised with the Holy Ghost*, and *endowed with power from on high* ; and like them be changed, by divine grace, into another man, in such manner as henceforward to live up to the dignity, and to fulfil every part of the duty of *a soldier of Christ* ; and to preserve and maintain, even to death, that purity and sanctity which become the *temple* of the living God. But, O my God, how far am I from being worthy to approach this heavenly sacrament ! How

can I expect that thy Holy Spirit should come into my inward house, to make it his temple, after it has been so long possessed by unclean spirits? Where are the dispositions in me which the apostles brought, and which all Christians ought to bring along with them, to the receiving the Holy Ghost? O! I acknowledge myself infinitely unworthy; I confess and detest, from the bottom of my heart, all my past uncleanness and abominations; I humbly crave thy mercy and pardon, through *Jesus Christ* thy Son; and beg through him, that thou wilt be pleased to cleanse my soul from all its filth with his precious blood, and to give me thy grace to come to this sacrament with that humility, faith, and devotion, which is most agreeable to thee. O Divine Spirit, do thou prepare my soul for thyself! Behold I come, desiring to give up myself to thee for all time and eternity; that thou mayest ever live and reign in my soul: and O let my whole soul henceforward be perpetually subject to thee, and let nothing in me evermore rebel against thee! *Amen.*

A PRAYER AFTER CONFIRMATION.

O my God, I now desire to adore thee, bless thee, and glorify thee for ever, for all thou hast done for thy whole church, both in heaven and on earth. I would now gladly join both my heart and voice, with all thy angels and saints in heaven, and with all that fear thee and love thee on earth, in giving perpetual praise to thee for thy infinite goodness; and in particular for that love thou hast shewed to me this day. I give thee thanks from

the bottom of my heart, for having sent down the Holy Spirit into my soul, with all his gifts and graces. O may he now take full possession of my soul: may this heavenly unction penetrate into the very centre of my interior: may his divine *wisdom* ever preside there; may it ever enlighten me with his gift of *understanding*, and dispel all my darkness; may it direct me with his *counsel*, strengthen me with his *fortitude*, instruct me with his *knowledge*, make me ever fervent in all *good* with his *piety* and *godliness*, and may his *divine fear* ever restrain me from all *evil*. And now, dear Lord, since thou hast been pleased, by this sacrament, to consecrate and sanctify my soul for thyself, and to make it thy temple, be pleased also to drive far from it, by thy grace, all that may violate or profane it, or render it any ways disagreeable in thy eyes. O keep it for ever for thyself, and restrain Satan from ever entering it any more. O may it be a *house of prayer*, in which thou mayest be ever *worshipped in spirit and in truth*, and suffer it not to be made any more a *den of thieves*. Give me grace also to fulfil, with perfection, every branch of the duty of thy *soldier*, which glorious title thou hast *conferred* on me this day: arm me completely for the warfare in which I am happily engaged, and stand by me in all my conflicts to crown me with victory. O make me *faithful unto death*, and bring me safe through all the dangers of my mortal pilgrimage to the crown of everlasting *life*, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

DEVOUT PRAYERS.

A Prayer before Sermons or Spiritual Reading.

O incomprehensible Creator, the true fountain of light and only author of all knowledge, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to enlighten our understandings, and to remove from us all darkness of sin and ignorance. Thou, who makest eloquent the tongues of those that want utterance, direct our tongues, and pour on our lips the grace of thy blessing. Give us a diligent and obedient spirit, quickness of apprehension, capacity of retaining, and the powerful assistance of thy holy grace : that what we read and hear we may apply to thy honor and the eternal salvation of our own souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A most devout Act of Contrition, very useful for the stirring up in our Souls a hearty Sorrow for having offended Almighty God, and a firm resolution of never offending him any more.

O my God ! O God of my heart ! of my soul ! of my life ! and of all that is within me ! whom I have so much offended ! so much, O my God and my Lord, that neither the sands on the sea shore, the stars of the heavens, the flowers of the fields, nor the leaves of the trees, can equal the boundless number or unspeakable variety of my sins. I have sinned, O Lord, I have offended thee : I have done evil before the face of heaven and earth : I have departed from thy law : I have turned my back on thy grace, adored what offended thee, made an idol of my guilt, and run on without fear or shame in the ways of deceit, vanity, and per-

dition. Ah ! my God ! how much it grieves me for having so much offended thee ! I am grieved for grieving so little, when the injuries I have done thee are so great. I am more troubled at the greatness of the ingratitude wherewith I have offended thee, than at the greatness of the torments which I have deserved. But, O Lord, what do I say ? O my God, my grief is none at all. A grief which doth not put an end to life, is not grief ; a sorrow, which doth not tear from me this soul of mine, is not sorrow ; a contrition, which doth not even break my heart in pieces, is not to be accounted contrition. I would have the sorrow for my sins to be as great as the sins themselves : I would have the regret for having displeased thee, to hold proportion with the injuries committed against thee ; I would have a grief equal to thy mercy ; I would willingly bewail my great sins with tears of blood, more for the offences and injury which they have caused against thee, than for the danger and perdition which they bring upon myself. I wish, O Lord, that as in offending thee the guilt was infinite, so in repenting thereof the grief were also infinite. But where shall I find so deep a sense of sorrow, save only in the fountain of thy grace ? Where shall I find such a grief, save only in the knowledge of thy immense goodness and my excessive malice ? Whence are those tears to flow, save only from the ocean of thy mercy ? Here I come to thy feet : consider not in what manner, in what time, how late ; consider only that I come. Ah ! Lord, how miserable do I come ! how filthy ! how abominable ! clad with

the ugliness of my sins, covered with the filthiness of my offences, and full of the abominations and vices of my life ! but because they are thy feet to which I come. O my God, I come with the confidence of finding in thy mercy a secure haven, in thy compassion a defence, in thy clemency a refuge, and in thy goodness a remedy. Wherefore, O Lord, trembling at thy justice, I seek no other refuge, save that of thy mercy : I pretend no shelter, but thy clemency : In thee I trust, O my God ; for though by sin I have lost the nature and privilege of a son ; yet thou, O Lord, infinitely good, dost not lose the nature and condition which thou hadst of a father. May then, O Lord, thy infinite grace complete that work in me which thy infinite mercy has begun. In thy clemency come to the succour of this miserable creature : take pity and compassion on this poor soul. I purpose, with thy grace, to amend my life, to confess my faults, to persevere in thy service, to pardon injuries, to avoid the occasions of evil, to abhor my vices, to make such restitution as I am able, and to comply, as I am bound, with thy holy commandments. I trust, O Lord, in thy infinite goodness, that thou wilt pardon all my sins, through the death and passion of my Lord Jesus Christ. For though in his wounds there is justice to punish me, yet in the same wounds there is likewise mercy to forgive me. Mercy ! mercy ! mercy ! dear Jesus, mercy !

A Prayer in Tribulation.

O God, who despiseth not the tears of the contrite, nor contemnest the sighs of those who

mourn ; attend to our prayers which we pour out before thee in our distresses and tribulation, and mercifully hear them ; that whatever the malice of man, or subtily of Satan may attempt against us, may, by the wisdom of thy providence, be dashed and brought to nothing ; so that not being hurt by any adversities, but delivered from all affliction and sorrow, we may joyfully yield thanks to thee in thy Church. Forgive, O Lord, our sins, and grant us thy mercy ; look down upon our low and sad condition, pity our many miseries, and break asunder the bonds which oppress us : and in all our necessities graciously hear us when we call upon thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ : who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

For such as have no particular Intercessors.

O merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends to recommend them to thee, nor any comfort in their torments, who either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through length of time, are forgotten by their friends and posterity ; spare them, O Lord, and preserve the noble work of thy hands. Let not the glory due to thy name be given to any other. They are thy workmanship ; vouchsafe to look upon them, and deliver them from their excessive pains and torments, and place them in the number of thy blessed saints and celestial citizens. Grant this our request, through Jesus Christ our Lord

and Saviour, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.
Amen.

A Prayer that we may not be over-much entangled with the affairs of this world.

I beseech thee, most merciful God, vouchsafe to preserve me from the excessive cares of this life, that I be not too much encumbered with those things that concern the necessity of my body, much less entangled in any sensual or voluptuous affections.

O my God, my unspeakable sweetness, turn into bitterness all carnal and earthly consolations, which withdraw me from the love of celestial things. Suffer me not, my God, to be overcome by temptations of flesh and blood; suffer me not to be deceived by the world and its transitory glory; nor permit Satan, through his subtilty, to seduce me to perdition. Give me strength to resist, patience to endure, and constancy to persevere. Meat and drink, and all other necessities of this life, are painful and troublesome to a devout spirit: wherefore grant, O Lord, at least, that I may use them with such moderation, that my heart be not too much taken up with the desire of them. Thy holy law forbids me to seek superfluities, and such things as are rather delightful than profitable; govern me, therefore, O Lord, with thy holy hand, and instruct me, that I may not yield to any excess.

A devout Prayer.

My Lord God, and most bountiful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, when I was not, didst not only create me, but also render me capable of possessing thee the sovereign and only good : and when I was become a slave to sin, through my forefathers' trespass, didst redeem me with thy precious blood, and the loss of thy sacred life, suffering the punishment due to my iniquities, that thou mightest deliver me from it. For these, O Lord, and all thy other inestimable benefits, I yield thee most humble and hearty thanks, offering myself wholly to thee, as I am wholly thine : beseeching thee also, of thy infinite mercy, to preserve me from offending thee, and to direct all my thoughts, words, and works, to thy everlasting glory. My state and calling is, as thou knowest, exposed to many dangers ; (*here consider the dangers which your state of life and present circumstances are subject to*) and by reason of my evil habits, and wicked inclinations, it will hardly be possible for me, without thy special assistance, to pass through this life, and not offend in these sins. (*Here call to mind the vices you are most prone to.*) Refresh therefore, O Lord, the powers of my soul with the dew of thy divine grace ; and give me strength to fight more manfully, and to subdue all wicked suggestions for the future.

In all humility and sincerity of heart, I purpose (by thy gracious favor) never wilfully to transgress thy laws and commandments any more. I detest all sin, and what may any way displease thee. I

desire to love thee, fear thee, and serve thee, and to direct all my actions to thy honor and glory, Assist me, O Lord, with thy grace, and enrich my poverty with the plenty of thy merits : wherefore, in union with the charity wherewith thou didst descend from heaven into the virgin's womb, and afterwards didst offer thyself on the cross, in sacrifice for sins : in union with this thy incomprehensible love, I offer thee whatever I shall do, think, or speak : beseeching thy merciful goodness so to govern and direct me, that all may tend to the advancement of thy glory, my neighbours' welfare, and the benefit of my own soul. 'To thee, my only Saviour Jesus Christ, be all glory and praise everlastingly. *Amen.*

*A Devout Oblation of our Bodies and Souls to
Almighty God.*

O Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on me : and help me now and always, that I may not delight in vain and transitory things.

O most blessed Lord, I adore thy Divine Majesty with my body and soul, with all the members and senses of the one, and the powers and faculties of the other ; and I humbly offer them up unto thee who gavest them to me, to do and suffer, with thy grace, whatever shall be pleasing to thee : beseeching thee, that none of these things, which I now dedicate to thy holy service, may ever offend thee.

Grant, O Lord, that my tongue may be restrained from idle and sinful speech, my hands from wicked actions, my heart from unlawful desires, my eyes

from vain and dangerous objects, my ears from hearkening to what is frivolous and hurtful, and my whole being, both interior and exterior, from every thing which displeases thee.

Grant, O Lord, that I may so resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, in this life, that I may be admitted to the everlasting joys of thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Thomas of Aquin.

Grant me, O merciful God, earnestly to desire the things that are pleasing to thee, to search after them with prudence, to discern them without mistake, and perfectly to accomplish them, to the praise and glory of thy name. Do thou order my state of life, and bestow upon me the knowledge of what thou requirest me to do; and then help me to execute it as I ought, and as is most to the benefit of my soul. My Lord and my God! grant I may neither be puffed up with prosperity, nor cast down with adversity. May nothing give me any joy or sorrow, but what either brings me to thee, or carries me away from thee. Grant I may not be ambitious to please, nor afraid of displeasing any one but thyself. Lord, may all that passes away lose its value with me; and all that concerns thee be dear to me for thy own sake; and thou, O God, above all things. May that joy be my aversion which is without thee, and may I never desire anything besides thyself. May it be my delight, O Lord, to take pains for thee; and may it be tedious to me to be at rest without thee.

Grant O Lord, that I may raise up my heart frequently to thee : and in my failings, help me to reflect upon them with sorrow and a purpose of amendment.

Lord, make me obedient, without contradiction : poor, without losing courage : chaste, without corruption : patient, without grumbling : humble, without hypocrisy : cheerful, without dissipation : sorrowful, without dejectedness : grave, without dulness : active, without levity : fearing thee, without despondency : a speaker of the truth, without double dealing. Grant that I may do good without presumption : tell my neighbour of his faults, without haughtiness : edify him both by word, and by example, without dissembling.

Give me, O Lord, a watchful heart, not to be carried away from thee by any suggestion of curiosity : a generous heart, not to be borne down by any unworthy affections : an upright heart, not to be carried aside by any sinister intention : an invincible heart, not to be broken by any tribulation : a heart entirely free, not to be commanded by any perverse or violent passion.

Lord God ! bestow upon me an understanding enlightened with the knowledge of thee ; a diligence bent upon seeking thee ; wisdom to find thee ; a conversation agreeable to thee ; perseverance to wait for thee with fidelity ; and confidence to embrace thee to the last. Grant that I may partake of thy painful sufferings by penance, make a right use of thy benefits on my way by grace, and possess thy joys in my heavenly

country by glory : who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer to the Blessed Trinity.

O most bountiful Father ! O Father, most worthy to be adored, I, a miserable sinner, offer to thee, in satisfaction for all my sins, which I acknowledge to be both great and many, and for the sins of the whole world, the bitter passion and death of thy only Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ : I offer his labours, his fastings, his weariness, his watchings, his prayers, his tears, his humility, his kindness, his patience, and his charity ; I offer his sorrows and troubles of mind, his anguish, his contumelies, his pains, his scourges, and his wounds : I offer all the drops of his most precious blood.

O most blessed Jesus, my Redeemer, I return thee humble thanks for the innumerable benefits which thou hast already bestowed, and still daily bestowest on me, though most unworthy of them ; for thy sacred incarnation and nativity ; thy holy life and conversation ; thy bitter passion, and the effusion of thy precious blood ; and for thy most cruel and ignominious death. I beseech thee to make me partaker of all thy merits ; and grant that, through the diligent imitation of thy virtues, I may be found a living branch in thee, who art the true vine.

O Holy Ghost, my Comforter, I recommend to thee my soul and body, the beginning and the end of my life ; give me grace to do true penance, that I may be heartily sorry for my sins, and, (in virtue

of thy holy name) perfectly purified from them, before I depart hence out of this mortal body. O Lord ! of myself I am corrupt and blind in all my affections and desires : and I am easily seduced into error, easily overcome by temptation, when I rely on my own judgment and strength : wherefore, O Lord, I offer and commit my soul to thee, and thy divine protection.

Defend and keep me, thy servant, from all evil ; teach and enlighten my mind, strengthen my weak spirits against pusillanimity, inordinate fear, superfluous scruples of conscience, and keep it humble, that it fall not into presumption. Give me a right faith, immoveable hope, and perfect charity, that I may delight in thee, heartily love thee, and every where fulfil thy holy will and pleasure.

O Holy and blessed Trinity ! God Omnipotent ! I recommend to thee all my concerns both spiritual and temporal ; I recommend to thee my benefactors, my neighbours, my friends, my acquaintance, and all for whom I ought to pray, and all those who desire my prayers. I recommend to thee the whole Catholic Church ; renew in it, I beseech thee, purity of life, and grant that each one may correct and amend himself : nourish and keep among such as are members thereof mutual charity, and the love of thee. Call back into the way of salvation all those who are in error ; extinguish all heresies, and give the light of thy faith to those who as yet have not known thee. Comfort and support all who are troubled in mind and con-

science, and oppressed with various temptations and calamities : who livest and reignest one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer to our Lord Jesus.

O Good Jesus, most gracious Redeemer of my soul ! be merciful to me a miserable sinner : I have sinned, I have offended, I have done amiss before thee : Lord, pardon me all my iniquities, my negligences, and my immortifications : I put them all into thy most dearly beloved wounds, and cast them into the bottomless depth of thy mercies and merits. O ! would to God I had never offended ! would to God I had never hindered thy grace in me ! I purpose now, (by thy help) to correct the folly of my passions, and thoroughly to amend my life.

O Lord, take away all my sins, wash me with thy precious blood, and heal me with thy wounds ; sanctify me with thy bitter passion, and quicken me with thy death ; cleanse me perfectly from the stains of sin, and restore me again to the innocence which thou gavest me in baptism, that I may truly please thee.

I worship, I adore, and glorify thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all thy mercies and benefits. I praise thee, O Son of the living and most high God ! who, out of thy exceeding great charity towards me vouchsafedst to be made man, and for my sake wouldst be born in a stable, laid in a manger, and fed with the milk of thy Virgin Mother : thou wouldst suffer extreme poverty, and

be troubled thirty-three years together, with continual labours and cruel pains. Thou wouldst sweat blood through the agony of thy soul. Thou wouldst be violently seized, ignominiously bound, and unjustly condemned. Thou wouldst be spit upon, and buffeted, reviled and scorned, clothed with a white garment, out of mockery and derision. Thou wouldst be beaten and torn with stripes, crowned with thorns, laden and oppressed with a painful and heavy cross, and cruelly fastened to it with piercing nails. Thou wouldst have vinegar and gall offered to thee in thy thirst. Thou, who givest splendor to the stars, wouldst hang on the cross naked, despised, wounded, and afflicted with innumerable sorrows: and all this for my sake.

Thou didst shed thy most pure and precious blood for me: thou didst die for me: I embrace thy venerable cross, and for the love and honor of thee devoutly kiss the instrument of so great a blessing. Grant that I may with most ardent desire approach unto thee, and eternally repose in thee, who art the centre of all true happiness.

O my Lord God! I repute and set myself in the lowest place, and under all creatures; for I am unworthy that the earth should bear me: I despise all corruptible things for thy love; renounce all sensual pleasures and delight, all vanity and impurity; I forsake all self-seeking and all immortification; I resign myself absolutely into thy hands and disposal. My whole will I change into thine: only thy will, O Lord, be done in me:

may thy blessed will be done in time and eternity
I offer myself ready to suffer, with the help of thy
grace, whatever trouble or affliction it shall please
thee to send me.

O most merciful Jesus ! mortify whatever liveth
sensually in me, whatever is vicious and inordinate
in my soul, whatever may be displeasing to thee ;
mortify in me all selfishness, adorn me with thy
sacred virtues. O Lord, prepare a delightful ha-
bitation for thyself in me ; renew my spirit, my
soul, and my body, with thy excellent grace ; make
me conformable to thy holy humanity : make me
one according to thy heart's desire ; enlighten my
eyes that I may clearly see thee ; and draw my
affections, that they may constantly run after thee.

O Lord, my God ! O unchangeable goodness !
fill me with thy own self, lead me into the bottom
of my soul, into a clear knowledge of myself ; and
bring me from thence to the knowledge of thee,
who art my author and my original. Grant that
I may be most closely united to thee ! nay, even
changed, and altogether transformed into thee,
that thou mayest have thy delight in me. Hear
me graciously, O Lord, not according to my will,
and when I please, but according to thy blessed
pleasure, and when it shall seem good unto thee.
O Lord, teach, enlighten, and direct me in all
things, that I may do nothing, speak nothing,
think nothing, desire nothing, but what is pleas-
ing and acceptable to thee. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Patience.

O Lord, who by thy perfect resignation, fulfilledst the will of thy Father; grant, that in all things I may behave myself patiently, in all things submit my desires to thy pleasure, as long as thou ordainest that I shall bear the burden of this corruptible body. For though this life be tedious, and as a heavy load to the soul; yet it is now, through thy grace, made very meritorious: and by thy example, and that of thy holy saints, rendered to weak persons more comfortable than in the old law, when the gates of heaven were shut, and the way thither dark, and few endeavoured to find it: so that they who were then righteous and ordained to be saved, could never enter into the possession of the bliss prepared for them, till thy precious death, and glorious resurrection opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

O my God! what thanks am I bound to render to thy goodness, who hast so lovingly vouchsafed to shew me, and thy faithful followers, the true and straight way to thy kingdom! Thy holy life is our way, and by thy patience we walk to thee, who art our head and governor. Hadst not thou, O Lord, led the way, whoever would have endeavoured to walk in it? O how many would have tarried behind, if they had not seen thy blessed example going before! We are still slow and dull, though we have seen and heard thy signs and doctrines: what then should we have been, if no such light had shone upon us? Certainly we should never have raised our thoughts to thee, but wholly fixed our mind and our love on worldly things.

Lord, make that possible to me by thy grace which is impossible by nature. Thou knowest my weakness, and that I am presently cast down with a little adversity : I beseech thee, strengthen me with thy grace, that hereafter trouble and affliction for thy name's sake may be what I love and desire ; there being nothing more profitable for the salvation of my soul, than patiently to suffer persecution for thy glory. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Preservation of the true Catholic Faith.

O Lord, who can abide it ? what heart so stony as to forbear weeping and lamenting for those who are thus blinded, and daily mislead others.

Let us call continually to God, and cry night and day : rise, O Lord, rise and shew thyself to the enemies of thy truth, that the beams of thy glory may enlighten them ; rise and shew thyself to thy servants, that the comfort of thy presence may refresh them ; rise up, O Lord, why dost thou sleep ? why turnest thou thy face from us, and seemest to forget our poverty and trouble ? Rise up, O Lord ; help us and deliver us for thy name's sake.

Suffer us not to be led into temptation, and fall from the right belief of thy holy church ; but confirm us by thy grace, that we may stand therein manfully, and confess it to our death, and so obtain those infinite and endless joys, which thou hast promised to all who continue in thy love, and keep thy commandments ; which be pleased, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and his bitter passion, to grant to us all. *Amen.*

A Prayer to our Blessed Saviour, to have mercy on us, though we turn too late to him.

O glorious Jesus, the fountain of all consolation, pardon me that I have not hitherto, according to my duty, acknowledged thee, who art the true and perfect happiness, nor have endeavoured to place my delight in thee ; that I have not regarded thee, the beauty of my soul, nor sought after its happy union with thy blessed spirit. Pardon me, that I have so seldom considered the state of my conscience, and so little laboured to prepare my heart for the receiving of thee ; that so it might have pleased thee to have come into it, and made it the place of thy abode.

O loving Lord ! have mercy on me, a most unthankful sinner, who have neither sought diligently to know thy will, nor yet obeyed it in what I knew was required of me. I have imitated the prodigal child ; and instead of placing my chief delight in thy holy service, I have fed my affections with the vain and filthy pleasures of the world. Forgive me, O good Lord, that I came no sooner to the knowledge of thee, that I have undervalued thy unspeakable goodness. Withdraw not thy grace from me, nor refuse to help me, though I come too late ; but, because my days are spent, vouchsafe the more abundantly to assist me, and the more strongly to draw me to thee, that, making more haste, I may recover the time which I have lost by my negligence. O Lord, I beseech thee, that death may not take me out of this world, before I arrive at that degree of holiness which thou requirest of me ; that is, till I am united to thy Holy Spirit, by a pure and perfect life. *Amen.*

A Prayer to obtain the fervent Love of God, of our Neighbours, and of our Enemies.

O dearest Saviour Jesus Christ, who hast loved us and washed us with thy precious blood, and offered up thyself to death for us; who wast reckoned amongst the wicked, and most cruelly wounded for our iniquities: thou wast bruised for our offences, and by thy stripes we are healed. I beseech thee, O Lord, for the sake of thy unspeakable mercy, inflame my heart with thy heavenly grace; that the fire of thy charity may always burn in my soul, and produce in it such chaste affections, such a tender pity, and such a disinterested benevolence, as may, for the love of thee, and in imitation of thy universal love, be extended to all creatures.

Fill my soul, O Lord, with thy fervent and perpetual charity; that, in all things, and above all, I may love thee: and according to thy holy law, love my neighbour, in thee, and for thee.

Grant me grace, I humbly beseech thee, that to thy greater glory, I may, with all my heart, love and desire the salvation and advantage of every one.

Grant, O Lord, that I may perfectly love my enemies, not in word or show only, but in deed and truth. Take from me all bitterness of mind, all anger, disdain, suspicion, envy, and whatever is contrary to pure and sincere charity; so that in plain simplicity of heart I may have a good opinion of all, judging none rashly, but loving every one

in thee, with most holy and hearty affection : and that I may shew them both by words and actions, all kindness, clemency, and love. *Amen.*

A Prayer that we may receive the blessed Sacrament before our death.

O my God, and my Lord ! I praise and bless thee because thou hast vouchsafed to grant me the grace to partake often of thy great mysteries ; to be fed with the divine food of thy holy sacrament, and comforted with thy sweet and blessed presence. O most merciful and loving Redeemer ! may every tongue bless thee, and every creature celebrate thy bounty for this inestimable gift. And as for me, because praise is not becoming the mouth of a sinner, I humbly offer thee, O my God, all the praises of the angels and blessed saints, who continually adore thee, and sing thy glory.

O glorious Jesus, I beseech thee, before I die, vouchsafe to grant me the graces of true confession, contrition, and satisfaction for all my offences ; and that, at the hour of my death, I may humbly adore, and devoutly receive thee, God and Man, Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, in the most holy sacrament of the altar : and so, with full pardon of all my sins, I may end my life in peace, in the true faith of thy holy church, and in perfect love and charity with all the world. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the choice of a state of life.

Eternal God ! who art the light of the whole world, and for whose glory the whole creation is

ordained, to thee we submit ourselves and our whole lives: and that we may live to thy glory, we beseech thee, in thy mercy, to direct us in the choice of a state of life; that having thee for our guide we may embrace that course which may be most pleasing to thee, and most proper for us to work out our salvation.

O Divine Spirit! enlighten my understanding by a benign ray of thy celestial wisdom, and direct me in my choice of a state of life. Grant that by thy assistance I may walk in a manner worthy of the vocation by which I am called to thy happy service in this life, and by which I am to deserve the rewards promised to thy faithful servants in a future world.

O glorious Queen of Heaven, and Mother of Jesus, be a mother to us, and obtain for us of thy divine Son, that we may hear his call and know his will, and have grace readily to put it in execution.

A devout Prayer.

O Sovereign, dreadful, and most loving Lord, my God! who never ceasest to shew thy mercy towards sinners, and with infinite clemency and love ceasest not to heap thy benefits upon them, even when they offend thee; I, a most sinful creature, yield thee humble thanks for thy unspeakable goodness, in creating me to thy own likeness, rendering me capable of everlasting glory, and making so many other creatures for my use and sustenance.

I bless thee for that inestimable work of my redemption, whereby thy only Son delivered me from the slavery of Satan, and purchased for me a free entrance into thy celestial kingdom: for having singled me out of so many millions, that know thee not, and lie buried in ignorance and miserable errors, to be thy servant, and a member of the true Catholic Church: for thy most holy sacraments; especially for that most glorious mystery, above all others, wherein thy Son himself is really contained: for preserving me so many times from hell, which my sins would long since have cast me into, had not thy inestimable goodness delivered me. For these, and all thy other benefits, especially for those which thou hast this day most bountifully bestowed upon me, (*here call to mind such benefits as you have received this day.*) O my Sovereign Lord, I offer thee the most sincere and most dutiful thanks that my poor heart is capable of offering: beseeching the blessed Virgin and all the saints in heaven to supply my defects with their perfect praises.

And now, my only God and Saviour, I humbly crave the light of thy grace, to know wherein I have this day offended thee; and, by a mature and thorough discussion of my conscience, to see my own sins with sorrow, and thy unspeakable mercy, with a zealous and firm purpose of amendment. [*Here examine yourself how you have employed the day, in thought, word, or deed, towards God and your Neighbours.*] Thou seest, O Lord, my sinfulness, and knowest my misery much better than

myself. I am sorry with all my heart, that I still offend so loving a Lord, and I wish that my sorrow were far greater. I purpose to do better by thy grace, which is not wanting to me; yet I have fallen again into my former trespass. Thy goodness, O Lord, forbids me to despair; and therefore I will continually trust to thy mercies in all events, and firmly resolve every day to amend my life. Deliver me, O my God, from all mortal sin for ever; and give me grace so to strive against my venial sins, that at last I may wholly overcome them. And in satisfaction for these and all my former offences, and for the offences of the whole world, as also for thy unspeakable benefits bestowed on me, and all mankind, I offer thee the merits of thy Son's bitter passion, those most precious drops of blood, which he shed for our salvation; and that inflamed charity, wherewith he wholly resigned himself to all his torments for our sakes.

And, in union with his holy oblation, I offer up myself, and all that I have, to thy honor and everlasting glory. I keep back nothing, but give all to thee, to whose justice it belongs.

Give me thy grace, O my God, to live better hereafter, and to confess my sins in due time to my Ghostly Father. Give me true humility and repentance; grace to know thee and myself; purity of heart in all my dealings; patience, chastity, and perfect charity: give me a good life, and a happy death; and, in order thereunto, in the dangerous hour of my departing, grant me the

assistance of the blessed saints and holy angels, that together with them, through thy mercy, I may praise and glorify thee for ever. *Amen.*

O Jesus, my dear Saviour! be merciful to me a sinner.

A devout Commemoration of our Saviour's Passion.

O most kind Lord, my Redeemer Jesus Christ! who, by thy heavenly Father, was sent down into this world, and willingly of thy own accord sufferedst most cruel and bitter pains on the cross; carrying it first on thy blessed shoulders, and then dying upon it, that thou mightest not only purchase redemption for us, but also leave us a most perfect example of patience: I humbly beseech thee, for the incomparable patience thou showedst in the whole course of thy life; and then especially, when thy malicious enemies were so enraged against thee, when they mocked thee, and spit on thy face: when they hood-winked thy eyes, and buffeted thy cheeks with their most impure hands; when they bound thee to a pillar, and cruelly scourged thee; when they thrust a crown of thorns upon thy sacred head, and pressed their sharp points into thy temples; when they pierced thy blessed hands with iron nails, stretching them out upon the cross; when, in thy great thirst, and extreme agony, they offered thee a sponge full of vinegar; when, with thy head bowed down, thou saidst, *It is consummated*; when thou didst commend thy spirit into the hands of God the Father, and, in the end, gavest up thy last breath, for the redemption of mankind. For all these

sufferings and pains, O most gracious Lord, Jesus Christ, I, a poor and miserable sinner, humbly beseech thy infinite majesty, not to forsake me; nor suffer me to be condemned at thy terrible judgment; but may thy glorious passion so help me, that I may be brought to everlasting felicity: may thy holy angels be always with me, and especially at the hour of my death, that they may protect, defend, and keep me; so that the cruel infernal enemy may have no power over this soul, which thou hast redeemed at so dear a rate. *Amen.*

O Jesus, who, for the redemption of the world, didst patiently endure so many injuries, calumnies, and afflictions, and even death itself: we humbly beseech thee, by all thy sufferings, and by the shedding of thy precious blood, deliver us from the dangers of this life, and from sudden and everlasting death. *Amen.*

A Thanksgiving for all God's Benefits.

With all the faculties of my soul I bless and praise thy name, O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who vouchsafedst to create me out of nothing, to thy own image and likeness; to send thy only begotten Son, to redeem me with his precious blood; to associate me, by holy baptism, to thy children of adoption; and to feed me with the most blessed sacrament of thy Son's body. To thee I render most humble thanks, for having expected from my infancy to this time, that through thy great patience I might come to the amendment of my life. I praise thee, I glorify thee, for having so often delivered me from tribulations, dis-

tresses, calamities, and miseries, and especially for having kept me from eternal punishment. I praise thee, and glorify thee, for having bestowed on me so many common blessings, wherein I have had an equal share with others; and so many particular benefits, which others have wanted, and I have no way deserved. I beseech thy unspeakable goodness, my Lord God, so to perfect these thy gifts in me, as to expel out of my heart whatever displeaseth thee; delivering me from all such troubles, as may any way hinder or retard my progress towards thee. Dispose all my thoughts, words, and deeds, according to thy will. Preserve me in all conditions, both of adversity and prosperity; and bring me at last to the happy and most desired joys of thy sight, who livest and reignest with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A devout Prayer to our Lord Jesus.

O my Sovereign Lord Jesus, Son of the Almighty Father, and Son also of the most pure and glorious Virgin Mary, who sufferedst a bitter death for me and all mankind, and didst rise again the third day; I beseech thee have mercy on me a sinner, yet thy creature. And, for the sake of thy passion, preserve me from all perils of body and soul, especially such as may be any occasion to me of offending thee. With all my heart I thank thee, most gracious Lord, for the great mercies thou hast shewn me in the frequent dangers to which I have been exposed. And as thy grace has always preserved me from the hour of

my birth to this day, so, Lord, I beseech thee, that thy mercy may still protect me to the end of my life.

And for my great offences, ingratitude, and all my sinful life, I humbly ask thy pardon. And since I have not led such a life as becomes thy servant, I prostrate myself with great confusion in thy divine presence, and say, O Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer for ourselves and others, especially such as are under our charge.

I adore thee, most merciful God, and give thee thanks for thy boundless clemency and infinite goodness, by which thou not only sufferest us miserable and ungrateful sinners to live, who are wholly unworthy of life, but also pardonest us our offences, and bestowest thy benefits upon us. May thy goodness, therefore, at last, O God, overcome our wickedness; thy compassion soften our hardness; thy most burning charity melt our frozen hearts, that we may be changed from vessels of wrath into vessels of mercy: and, being freed from all our sins, may be so much more fervent in loving thee, by how much we have hitherto been more cold in thy service.

O Jesus, grant us grace to run after thee, and so to imitate the steps of thy life and passion, that the fervor of our present devotion may compensate for the sloth and tepidity of our former con-

versation: grant that at length we may be converted to thee with our whole heart: and, being confirmed in thy grace, may praise thee our Redeemer and Saviour for ever.

In the first place, O infinite goodness, I ask this mercy for myself, a most miserable sinner, who have so much more need of the help of thy grace than others, as I am weaker, and less able to do good. Thou knowest also, most gracious God, how unprofitable I am, and how often I hinder the operation of thy grace, not only in myself, but in others also. Wherefore, O most liberal and merciful Lord, I humbly beseech thee for all those who are committed to my charge, or otherwise recommended to my prayers: I recommend them, O Lord, to thy holy protection, and lay them within thy most loving heart. Preserve them, I beseech thee, according to thy good pleasure, and bring them to life everlasting.

O Lord, my God! I beseech thee for these amongst whom I dwell, that by the shedding of thy precious blood, and by the bottomless depth of all thy mercies thy grace may abound, and be confirmed in us all, so that none of us may perish for ever. Give us, O Lord, all spiritual and temporal necessities; and so govern and direct us in thy ways, that we may still proceed in thy holy service, and at length be received into thy everlasting kingdom.

O Jesus, our most faithful lover! I offer and recommend to thee all such as have desired my unworthy prayers. Thou art most merciful, and

abundantly rich for all : according to their need, and thy mercy, glorify thy name in them. Deal with us not according to our demerits, but according to thy infinite goodness. *Amen.*

A Prayer for all degrees of the Catholic Church.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Holy Spirit the universal body of the Catholic Church is sanctified and governed : hear, we beseech thee, our humble supplications, for all orders, states, and degrees therein ; that, by the gift of thy grace, they may all, in their several stations, faithfully serve thee in unity, peace, and perpetual charity, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

AN ACT OF THE FEAR OF GOD.

Blessed are they that fear the Lord ! Ps. 127. ver. 1.

O most dread and awful Lord ! considering thy infinite Majesty, and grandeur, in whose sight all celestial, terrestrial, and infernal spirits tremble ; and being in a confusion, at my horrible unworthiness, I now descend into the abyss of my nothing ; extremely fearful lest I should offend thee, and so be separated from thy divine grace ; as many have been, because they did not walk uprightly in thy presence.

2. Therefore while I do but think that I may possibly offend thee, I fear and I tremble in every limb, and rather because I know that I am weak, feeble, and not able to do any thing without thy grace.

3. Nevertheless, I also acknowledge, O Lord ! that this fear is very necessary and useful for me ; and therefore I earnestly beseech thee to give it me ; and to increase it in me ; and to fix it in my soul. I say with the Psalmist : *Wound my flesh with thy fear, for I have been afraid of thy judgments* : I implore this act of grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ACTS OF VIRTUE.

Acts of the Love of God.

O dear Jesus ! king of all beauty and glory, I desire no other inheritance but thee ! O Jesus ! my supreme good, permit me not to love any thing above thee ; and to love all things only for thy sake.

2. O most vigilant Lord, and keeper of my soul, take now possession of my heart, which was created for thee, and transpierce it with a thousand wounds of pure love ; that I may languish in sighing after thee, on whom depends all my good.

3. Dear Jesus ! to thee I consecrate my heart ; I beseech thee, that no created thing may please me, but that I may rejoice only in loving thy infinite Majesty.

4. O life of my life ! more beautiful than all created beauties, inflame me with a more ardent desire of thy eternal beauty.

5. O my Lord ! who will grant that I may die for thee ! that my soul may repose in thee, where art its rest, and eternal felicity.

6. O my infinite good ! I resign to thee all that thy liberality has bestowed on me ; and I offer, on the altar of my heart, myself in sacrifice, that thereby I may please thee.

Acts of love towards our Neighbour.

Most merciful Lord ! I beseech thy infinite goodness so to illuminate the hearts of all sinners, that they may sincerely repent of all their sins, and seek thee with all care, who art the only good of our souls.

2. Grant, O Lord ! that all who have repented of their sins, may faithfully amend their lives, and daily increase in thy grace.

3. I beseech thee, my Saviour ! that all such as are blinded in heresy, may return to our Holy Mother, the Catholic Church.

4. Draw unto thee, O Jesus ! all those who are drowned in the sensual desires of the flesh, that they may run after thee in the way of thy commandments.

5. I beseech thee, O Lord ! by the bowels of thy infinite mercy, that all such as seek after ambition and earthly dignity, may turn all their affection to the love of thee.

6. Forgive, O merciful Saviour ! all those that persecute me ; grant that they may love thee in this life, and, after death, for ever enjoy thee in heaven.

Acts of Hope.

O merciful Lord, and my God ! I most firmly hope that by means of thy help, and those good

works which I purpose to perform with thy grace, at the end of my life to enjoy eternal glory.

2. Although in every moment, merciful Saviour, I am guilty of many imperfections, yet I hope, by thy gracious assistance, to fulfil thy commandments.

3. If I were guilty of all the sins, and enormous crimes, which from the beginning of the world to this day have been committed, yet I would not despair of thy mercy.

4. I hope most firmly, O Son of God, and my Redeemer! by means of the blessed sacraments, and the merits of thy passion, to come to the enjoyment of eternal life.

5. O Lord of infinite mercy! as there never was a sinner that called on thee, to whom thou didst not shew mercy! so I hope that thou wilt have mercy on me calling on thee from the bottom of my heart.

Acts of Faith.

My Lord, Creator, Redeemer, and author of true faith, I most firmly and undoubtedly believe in the blessed Trinity, three divine persons and one essence, one only God, most high, most mighty, and most glorious; and all the other articles, which our Holy Mother the Catholic Church believes and teaches, for which I am ready to die.

2. Dear Lord! I believe most faithfully, that thy true body and blood are really present in the blessed sacrament of the altar: which I will confess in the midst of fire, and a thousand stones.

3. I believe, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! that thou art perfect God and Man, in one only person; for which truth I am prepared to suffer all the torments and deaths that can be devised.

Acts of Penance and Contrition.

Most merciful Lord! I detest and abhor all my sins for thy love, and I resolve to die a thousand times, rather than offend thee in any thing.

2. Merciful Lord! I detest and renounce all my sins, because they are displeasing to thee, and resolve for thy sake to do penance for them. (*Here particularly you may offer up some penance which you purpose to do.*)

3. O that I might, my dear Jesus! cancel my enormous crimes with my blood: I resolve for the time to come, with the help of thy grace, not to commit one venial sin, though I might gain thereby whatever is precious on earth.

4. O Jesus! how it displeases me to have offended thee: suffer me not for the future to offend thee any more.

5. O infinite Majesty! would that I had died, if it had been thy will, before I ever offended thee; but for the future I will suffer a thousand deaths, rather than once wilfully sin against thee.

DEVOUT ASPIRATIONS.

O good Jesus! O gracious Jesus! O my hope, my refuge, and my salvation! have mercy on me. I am poor and weak, I am nothing, I have nothing, I know nothing, I can do nothing of myself, but

sin. Help me, O Jesus ! and be merciful to me, who confess myself to be a most ungrateful sinner, and unworthy to live on the earth. Verily it is but right that every one should despise me. Thy blessed will, O Lord ! be always done in me for ever. *Amen.*

Grant me, good Lord ! full remission of all my sins, and wash me in thy precious blood. Grant me perfect mortification and self-denial, destroying in me my own will, and the seeking of myself. Grant me true humility, perfect patience, charity, and temperance. Grant me purity, simplicity, and liberty of mind, and a will exactly conformable to thine ; that adhering to thee in all things, I may be one according to thy heart's desire. O my Lord Jesus Christ ! I most humbly thank thee for those sacred wounds which thou receivedst on the cross for my sake. Hide me in them, and imprint them deeply in my heart ; that I may continually carry with me the remembrance of my Saviour, and every day increase in love towards him, and compassion for his sufferings. Grant that all creatures may be of little account with me, and that thou mayest be the delight of my soul and my everlasting joy. O Jesus ! the life of my soul, transform me, and make me anew, that nothing besides thee may live in me. Wound deeply my heart with thy divine love, that I may take no pleasure but in the contemplation of thy celestial beauty.

A Petition to God.

Almighty and most merciful God ! Grant I beseech thee that I may ardently desire those things

which are acceptable to thee, prudently search after them, truly know them, and perfectly accomplish them, to the glory and praise of thy holy name.

Dispose the course of my life ; and what thou requirest of me grant that I may know, and give me the grace to put it in execution as I ought to do, and as is most conducing to my salvation.

Grant that my way to thee may be secure, straight, and perfect, and that I may not sin either in prosperity or adversity ; that in the one I may not be puffed up, nor in the other dejected. In prosperity may I render thee thanks ; in adversity, have patience : rejoice or be sorry for nothing, but that which either moves me forward to thee, or draws me back from thee ; not covet to please, nor fear to displease any but thee.

Grant that I may do all things in charity, and esteem that as useless which does not relate to thy honor. Make me to do all my actions, not out of custom, but so as to offer them to thee with devotion.

May all transitory things become contemptible to me, for thy sake ; and may all that concerns thee be dear to me ; but thou, my God, above all things. May all pains taken for thee be my delight, and all repose that is not in thee be troublesome and unpleasant to me.

O Lord, grant that I may frequently and fervently direct my heart to thee ; and with sorrow, and resolution of amendment, atone for my faults.

Make me, O God, humble, without dissimulation ; cheerful, without disorder ; sober, without dejection ; grave, without dullness ; lively, without levity ; sincere, without fraud ; fearful, without despair ; hoping in thee, without presumption ; chaste, without corruption ; obedient, without contradiction ; patient, without murmuring ; teach me to correct my neighbour, without passion ; and edify him both by word and example, without pride.

My dearest Saviour ! give me a watchful heart, which no curious thoughts may turn from thee ; a steady heart, which no base affection may draw to the earth ; a heart which no afflictions may make to faint ; a free heart, which no violent passion may captivate ; and a sincere heart, which no selfish views may turn aside.

O most gracious Lord ! grant me an understanding to know thee ; a diligence to seek thee ; a wisdom to find thee ; a perseverance quietly and faithfully to expect thee ; and a confidence happily to enjoy thee.

Grant that by repentance I may share in thy sufferings, and so use thy gifts in this life, that at length I may obtain thy joys in glory, who with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God everlasting. *Amen.*

An Ejaculatory Act of Faith.

O Lord Jesus ! I believe : but do thou increase my faith, my Lord and my God !

Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life, and I believe that thou art Christ, the Son of the living God, the Saviour of the world.

Thy testimonies are exceedingly credible; holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, for length of days.

O holy Trinity, one God, in three persons, I believe in thee.

Give me grace, O my God, to shew forth my faith by my works, and never to do any thing unbecoming the truths of thy gospel.

A Prayer for God's Protection.

O eternal God, I am not able of myself to do any thing without thy almighty help; may thy providence watch over me, and guide me in all my ways to thy glory, and my own happiness: grant that I may not place my joys, and hopes, in the things of this life, which perish and cannot satisfy; but in thee the fountain of all true happiness: subdue in me all those inordinate lusts and corrupt affections which war against my soul; purify my mind from all evil thoughts, bad intentions, and evil designs; and thou, who art full of compassion and mercy, long suffering, and plenteous in goodness and truth, be always my protector and defender; suffer not pride, vain glory, self love, malice, hatred, revenge, or any other evil whatsoever to reign in my mortal body; but do thou keep me from all evil both of body and soul; that by

persevering in all virtue and holiness of life, I may at length be an inheritor of that heavenly kingdom which thou hast prepared for all those who love and fear thee, through, &c.

Against Temptation.

O God, I am conscious of the corruption of my nature, and vicious passions, which gain upon me ; as likewise of the bad government of all my senses, inclinations, and desires, which by thy law I am commanded to resist. Strengthen me, O Lord, against these enemies of my soul. May my eyes be shut against all alluring objects ; my ears be deaf to all obscene talk ; may I never indulge my tongue in idle or profane discourses ; may I never gratify my palate in the inordinate use of meat and drink ; may my hands refrain from evil, and my outward man be under the discipline of thy gospel, that I may truly say, it is thy holy will and not my own that directs me. Grant that I may avoid idleness and wicked company, which ruin both soul and body, and be employed in such occupations only as are conducive to my eternal happiness. Deliver me, O God, from all the malice of the devil, who, like a roaring lion, goes about seeking whom he may devour. Knowing my weakness, he knows how to work my destruction, if thou (who hast promised to help those who call upon thee) delayest to assist me : have regard then to my infirmity, and according to my manifold necessities graciously support me. My heart and my will control, that whenever temptations arise, I may constantly and faithfully adhere to thee.

All my confidence is in thy aid : if thou mercifully protectest me, I need not fear all that the powers of hell can contrive against me : but without thee I must perish : stand therefore, by me ; and when corrupt nature is hurrying me to sin, to the world, or the love of creatures, powerfully check my passions, and say to my soul, I am thy salvation.

For Overcoming any Vice.

O God, behold here an unhappy wretch, who, instead of faithfully serving thee, is continually transgressing. But, since I earnestly desire to repent, I hope, that as thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live, thou wilt accept this prayer, which I offer to thee with all the fervour of my soul ; most humbly beseeching thee, to give me a true, hearty, and sincere repentance, for all my past offences ; but particularly for. N. which at present is my greatest failing. O give me resolution to subdue this vice, and to avoid the occasions of falling into it for the future. Let not my passion for this evil prove stronger than my love and gratitude to thee. When pride, interest, or human respect require it, I can forego every satisfaction ; and shall not I do the same to please thee, and to be eternally happy ? O God, correct this my folly : root out of my heart the love of all that is sinful : inspire me with a contempt of all that is vain, dangerous, and worldly ; let not passion, humour, or any bad custom govern me, but thy holy will alone : give me courage to sur-

mount the trials I must encounter, till by self denials, patience, and perseverance, I come to possess thee in thy heavenly kingdom.

Against Drunkenness.

O God, deliver me from the execrable habit of drunkenness, which not only deprives a man of his reason, but degrades him to a state below the vilest of the brute creation : injures his health, engages him in idleness, contempt of discipline, a dislike of all that is serious and pious ; shuts the heart against every virtuous sensation, and opens it to every species of vice ; exposes him to loss of time, neglect of business, family confusion, bad example, and distress of friends. It is the corruption of youth, the promoter of strife, the destroyer of life, the forerunner of poverty, the school of irreligion, profaneness, and atheism ; in fine it throws wide the door to every thing wicked, profligate, and contrary to the gospel. Good God ! deliver me from this monster : imprint in my soul such a horror for it, that no reproaches or solicitations may ever attempt me to associate with those who indulge in its excesses.

Against the Evils of the Tongue.

O God ! who hast given me a tongue to praise and glorify thy holy name ; to instruct, direct, and edify my neighbour, in whatever may be beneficial to him : forgive me the many times I have perverted it to improper uses, and encouraged those with whom I have had any intercourse to do the same. Permit me not ever again to swear, curse,

blaspheme, or profane thy holy name by taking it in vain : may my words be according to truth and justice : may I detest flattery, reviling, backbiting, and detraction : let not passion, animosity, or revenge induce me to say any thing injurious to another, but grant that I may speak of all, as I would have them speak of me, and my friends. If designedly, or through indiscretion, I have blemished any one's reputation, or been the occasion of his being less esteemed among his acquaintance, I am heartily sorry, and will make every reparation in my power for the injuries he has suffered through my speaking ill of him. Justice obliges me to this restitution, and I will certainly do it, as far as I am able, and I beseech God to bless and prosper them. I resolve never more to be guilty of detraction, and to withdraw from the society of those who are guilty of so base a practice.

For Children.

O heavenly Father, who hast commanded us to love, honor, and obey our parents : give me grace faithfully to accomplish, in their regard, all that thy law requires. May I never dispute their just ordinances, nor by contradiction, or unchristian comportment, give them cause of uneasiness ; let me never condemn their advice, but always consult them in whatever regards my future happiness. May I never grieve them by following evil counsellors, frequenting bad company, or leading an irregular life. Let not my impatience or arrogance aggravate the miseries and weaknesses of old age ; but make me ready to yield them every assist-

ance in my power, and by constant kindness and good offices endeavour to make some recompense for all the care, trouble, and anxiety they bore for me during my helpless infant years. Thus, by discharging every obligation due to my earthly parents, shall I hope to prosper and be rewarded by thee, my loving father, who art in heaven.

For Parents.

O heavenly Father, assist me in discharging properly the duties of a parent towards my children. Give me discretion to grant, and courage to refuse. Grant that I may consult the good of their souls, as well as that of their bodies ; preserve them from wicked company ; from seeing or hearing what will corrupt their morals : and when necessity obliges, let my correction be tempered with mildness : make me likewise diligent and attentive to provide a present maintenance and a future provision for them, without increasing my own or their unhappiness by being too solicitous to make them great. Deliver me from all indiscreet partialities ; and, by imprudent severities, from putting them, in the world, upon rash and unadviseable methods of escaping the troubles and vexations they experience at home. And should it be thy holy will to call me out of this life, before they are properly educated or settled, let thy goodness supply my place : be thou a parent to them ; preserve them from the corruption of the world, and make them faithful to thee here, that they may obtain the rewards due to merit hereafter.

For a Married Person.

O God, as thou hast sanctified the state wherein I am engaged, give me grace to comply with all its obligations: preserve my love undefiled, and may it carry me through my many difficulties: resigning my own inclinations and ways to keep peace. Grant me humility, and submission to bear with all in the manner which thy apostle requires. Supply me with sufficient strength to support whatever my trials may be. Grant that I may cheerfully fulfil my duties; doing and suffering without murmuring, what thy providence ordains, whether in quiet or trouble, in ease or pain; that I may never yield to any impatience or ill humour, that can weaken, much less break the bond, which thou hast sanctified, and which cannot be dissolved but by death.

For One who leads a Single Life.

O blessed Redeemer, who both by thyself and thy apostles, hast recommended a single life as the most secure for obtaining salvation; assist me with thy grace to make a right use of all its advantages. Free from all those engagements which are unavoidably attended with many difficulties, may this liberty serve me to seek thee with greater freedom of spirit. Having thee for my spouse, let me not, like the foolish virgins, be found unprepared when called on by thee. May I leave all for thee, love thee with all my soul, study thy law with all my mind, serve thee with all my strength, and by so doing become holy both in body and spirit. Support me under all my

frailties; defend me against the snares of the devil, the world, and my own corrupt nature. Weaken in me that fondness which I feel for whatever flatters the senses; give me a dread of every thing dangerous to my spiritual welfare; and may the great object of my pursuits, affections, and longings be, that having finished my life in imitation of thine, I may be blessed with the joy of thy eternal kingdom.

For a Master or Mistress.

O God, I implore thy direction and help in every thing thou hast committed to my charge: make me careful that nothing may suffer through my ignorance, neglect, or prodigality; but that all may be managed for the best. Let not my words or actions be influenced by passion: let my reproofs be without anger; my commands without imperiousness; my superiority without cruelty. While obliged to punish, grant that I may compassionate frailties, and shew tenderness for those under my care; knowing that I and they have a master in heaven, who, without respect to persons, will call all to account. Make me a zealous observer of discipline, permitting no extravagance, disorder, or excess in my family; and while I am neither unjust nor oppressive, suffer me not to connive at what ought to be corrected. Take from me all immoderate solicitude, and permit not the business of this world to make me forget the more essential concerns of eternity; since the chief tendency of all my actions and exertions should be to thy greater honor and glory, and the good of my own soul.

For Servants and Labourers.

O God, to thee I offer myself, and beg thy divine assistance in all my labours ; that whatever I do or suffer, may be with the patience of an humble penitent. Discharging my duty faithfully to thee, and to those by whom I am employed, give me the spirit of submission and meekness, to obey without murmuring, contradiction, or disrespect. May I never offend in word or action, but without loss of time, waste, neglect, or omission, attend to every thing committed to my care. May I never backbite my superiors, join others in what is unjust, give bad example, make parties, propagate lies ; but, ever attentive to my business, my study shall be to lead an inoffensive life, in friendship and peace with all. When provocations occur, my resolution is to suppress wrath, be silent, or, at least, moderate and circumspect in my answers. In all this, let me not be influenced merely by worldly, but religious motives ; conscious that I have not only an earthly, but, in thee, a heavenly master, who *sees in secret*, and, just to merit, will, if I am faithful, honest, and diligent, here, reward me with the joys of his eternal kingdom hereafter.

For the Rich.

O most bountiful God ! while I thank thee for thy great liberality, give me grace to make no improper use of what thou hast bestowed upon me. Grant that I may not spend it in gratifying a worldly, vicious, corrupt inclination : may decent regard to my station and rank direct my expenses ;

neither let me hoard up unnecessarily, nor spend unprofitably. I am resolved to put a stop to all those extravagances, in which the generality of the great squander away their fortunes, and in which I myself have but too often ungratefully abused the excess of thy bounty. I humbly beg pardon for this my misconduct, and resolve for the time to come to repay thy favors by promoting thy honor, and glory, and the good of my own soul. My study shall be to lay up a treasure in heaven, by relieving the wants of the indigent, clothing the naked, and doing other works of charity commanded in the gospel. These are but too often neglected by the rich, and this is what renders their salvation so difficult. Grant that I may not be of the unhappy number. I am but a steward, and therefore answerable for what thou hast committed to my care. I shall soon be called to give an account: may then my sentence be, "Come, good and profitable servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place thee over many: enter into the joy of thy Lord."

For the Poor and Distressed.

O merciful God, take me into thy protection: have regard to my difficult circumstances: and support me amidst my many necessities. It is on thy goodness alone I depend: in thee I put my trust: whatever I suffer is appointed by thy fatherly providence, therefore I submit: *it is by many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.* It was the road by which the apostles, all

the saints, and even Christ himself arrived at glory ; and shall not I be willing to follow them ? *The tribulations of this life are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* This thou hast declared for the consolation of thy servants ; and thou art true to thy promises. Assured of this, I will never be dejected, but support with joy whatever thy goodness shall decree. Not mine but thy will be done. Thy providence watches over me, and will either relieve or give me strength to bear what thou art pleased to lay upon me. Full of this hope, with confidence I embrace the appointments of thy holy will, knowing that all must turn ultimately to my good.

For such as lead an Idle Life.

O God ! I am strangely confounded at leading a life so full of sloth, self-love, and vanity : the whole of it is wasted in courting the ways and practices of the world ; in eating, drinking, diversions, and a continual round of company. What is this but indulging flesh and blood, gratifying my own corruption and weakness, feeding disorderly and earthly passions ? This is not loving God with my whole heart, with my whole soul, with all my strength, with all my mind : it is not seeking the things that are above, taking up my cross, and walking in the newness of life. Where am I transformed into Christ ? Where is his life manifested in mine ? Where are my self-denials, where the worthy fruits of penance ? Yet all this the gospel requires. What then can I expect but the sentence pronounced against the iniquitous

servant, and the barren fig-tree ? O God, give me grace to reform ; and though the task be difficult on account of my situation, and want of employment ; I am resolved to set about it this very day, to pursue it steadily, to carry it on with perseverance, nor desist till I have accomplished it. Change all my inclinations, I beseech thee ; grant that I may not be attached to any thing sensual, that faith may have such influence over me, as to make me repute the world no better than vanity and affliction of spirit. Convinced of the folly and emptiness of worldly pleasure which I have hitherto pursued with so much avidity, give me now grace to condemn them ; to set my heart on more solid enjoyments : to lead a different life, to shun idleness, to fly from all occasions of sin, to avoid evil company, to associate only with such, as, by their conversation and manners, will confirm me in my present resolution. Deliver me from all lightness and inconstancy of mind ; stand by me in resisting temptations ; take from me all presumption in my own strength ; suffer me not rashly to run into danger ; and since, in what I now resolve, I must necessarily encounter many difficulties, snares, and temptations, arm me with courage and fortitude according to my necessities, till my life be completely reformed, and through final perseverance, I may merit at length eternal happiness.

For such as are in Business.

O God, who in punishment of sin, hast condemned man, “to earn his bread with the sweat

of his brow," vouchsafe I beseech thee to give a blessing to my undertakings, and success to my honest endeavours: I am resolved, by the assistance of thy grace, to use no unlawful means for gaining worldly interest; to be just in all my dealings with my neighbour; never to be guilty of defrauding, wronging, over-reaching, or putting in practice any mode of deceit against him. Let me not do that to another which I should not like that he should do to me. May I struggle with want, remain in indigence, and endure extreme poverty, rather than grow opulent by infringing on the laws of equity, which neither authority, example, or general custom shall ever induce me to violate. "What would it avail me to gain the whole world, if I lost my soul." How unreasonable then to be over solicitous for the things of this life, which are trifling, and nothing compared to the concerns of the next? Take from me therefore, O God, all excess of apprehension; despising the perishable comforts of this world; may I hunger and thirst after justice: give me that true moderation of spirit, by which, while I propose and contrive what I think best, I may still wait the orders of thy providence and peaceably submit to what thou shalt appoint. Whatever my designs or desires are, may I only do with diligence my part, then leave it to thee to make it prosper or not, as thy infinite wisdom shall please to determine. Grant that I may consider what is my duty, what is conducive to the glory of thy name, and the good of my neighbour; then proceed with-

out anxiety, not confiding in my industry, but in the blessed government of thy providence, which regulates and disposes all things with prudence, wisdom, order, and justice.

For the conversion of one who pursues evil ways.

O God of patience and goodness, who wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live; manifest, I beseech thee, thy mercy to him (or her) for whom I offer up this prayer: touch *his* heart from above, open *his* eyes, and give *him* such effectual grace, that, seeing *his* evil, *he* may detest his offences, and zealously return to thy service. Suffer *him* no longer to be deluded by the wiles of Satan, and to walk in the paths of death. Deliver *him* from the hurtful company of those, whose example and conversation induce *him* to neglect *his* christian duties: give *him* strength to stand against the violence of vicious customs and passions, and make *him* sensible how prejudicial *his* manner of living is to the good both of soul and body, and how truly afflicting to those to whom *he* belongs, and who have a sincere regard for *his* welfare. Grant *him* light to discern the errors of *his* judgment, and the evil tendency of the principles that seduce him: make him apprehend the danger of leading an unprofitable life; of neglecting *his* family, wasting *his* fortune, keeping sinful, profane, irregular, profligate company; passing *his* days in vanity, sloth, prodigality, intemperance, and whatever is conformable to corrupt nature, but displeasing to God. Convince *him* how contrary all this is to what the gospel

prescribes of loving God with our whole heart ; seeking first and before every thing else his kingdom ; hating the world ; denying ourselves ; putting off the old man ; crucifying the flesh ; not conforming to this world ; living soberly, righteously, and godly ; doing all to edification ; letting our light shine before men ; directing all to the glory of God ; working out our salvation with fear and trembling ; striving to make our election sure. Give *him* a true sense, O God, of these and other truths declared necessary for salvation ; shew *him* how far *he* has departed from the road of righteousness : and inspire *him* with a resolution of reforming his disorderly life, and returning to thee, in whose service alone is to be found true happiness, for time and eternity.

When in Grief or Pain.

O God, since thou hast promised to hear those who call upon thee in time of trouble, regard, I beseech thee, the prayers of thy servant. Thou seest my anguish ; give me strength according to my necessities ; prove thyself a helper, a protector, and a father to me. Let me not, through want of submission and patience, lose this opportunity of meriting. I am in thy care, whatever befalls me is not the effect of chance, but according to thy blessed will. It is by such seasonable corrections that thou bringest us to enter into ourselves, that we may see that all things here below are vanities of vanities, and an affliction of spirit ; that all are fading and inconstant ; that when thou sendest pains, thou wouldst, by those bitter potions, wean

us from terrestrial joys, and fix our hearts on thee our only permanent good. This being thy desire in this visitation, I willingly submit, and even thank thee for so merciful a chastisement. What are my sufferings, compared to what my sins really deserve? for which thy goodness puts it now in my power to make some atonement. Wherefore, I offer thee, not only what I at present feel, but moreover, all the losses, crosses, persecutions, injuries, contumelies, and insults, I have, or shall hereafter suffer. While comforted by thy promises, and assured of thy protection, "neither death nor life; neither things present nor things to come, shall ever separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." What are my pains to those of my Saviour, to those of the apostles, martyrs, and countless others, *who through many tribulations entered heaven!* What to those of the next life, to escape which, thou hast mercifully put these in my way! Accordingly I accept them. Dispose of me, and whatever belongs to me, in the manner thou plearest: whether pain, sickness, poverty, contempt, grief, or whatever other mortification thou appointest; all, as coming from thy hand, shall be welcome; I submit to all; shall be content with all; ever rejoice in all, as thy will, which from my heart I beg "may be done on earth as it is in heaven."

In Sickness.

I am sick, O God! my life is weak: but it is thy will it should be so with me: I receive it therefore as coming from thy fatherly hand, and

beg it may be for the good of my soul. For this end I here offer myself with an entire submission to all thy appointments ; to suffer whatever thou pleasest, as long as thou pleasest, and in what manner thou pleasest. For I am thy creature, who have most ungratefully offended thee, my Maker ; and since my sins have a long time cried aloud to heaven for justice, why shall I now complain if thy hand be upon me ? No, my God, thou art just in all thy ways ; I have truly deserved thy punishment, and therefore I have no reason to complain of thee, but only of my own wickedness.

But rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath ; but have regard to my weakness. Thou knowest how frail I am, that I am nothing but dust and ashes : deal not therefore with me according to my iniquities ; but according to the multitude of thy most tender mercies have compassion on me. O ! let thy heavenly grace come in to my assistance, to support me under this my illness. Confirm my soul with strength from above, that I may bear with true christian patience all the uneasiness, pains, disquiets, and difficulties of my sickness ; and that I may cheerfully accept them as the just punishment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be thou my defence against all the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may no way offend thee.

O my dear Jesus ! I am a part of the dear purchase thou didst make upon the cross. For me thy precious blood was shed. Cast me not away.

Like a sheep I have gone astray. I have hitherto made it my chief business to love and serve myself, by losing my time ; by despising thy holy word ; by neglecting the motions of thy grace ; by making no use of the means of salvation—the sacraments. Instead of practising mortifications and self-denial, I have indulged my appetite in eating, drinking, and every other kind of extravagance. All my study hath been to make much of an offender ; now I see how foolish hath been my conduct ; and how just it is that thou shouldst punish me for having spared myself so long, Wherefore I offer myself to the scourge. I ask neither health nor life, but pardon for my sins, and a resignation of my will in all things to thine ; that I may glorify thee in my sufferings, which are but small compared to my sins. To thee I recommend my soul, and here offer thee my agony, my sweats, my pains, and distresses, whatever they are or shall be, to be united to thy bloody sweat, to the grief and torments thou sufferedst for the remission of my sins, and the eternal glory of thy name ; and I beseech the saints and angels to pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Life and death are in thy hands : if thou permittest me to remain on the earth, I propose, by the assistance of thy grace, to amend my life, and to spend the days allotted me in promoting thy honor and glory. If thou wilt allow no further delay, and this is to be my last ; I submit, and only beg of thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may no ways neglect, nor be deprived of those helps, which thou hast in thy mercy ordained for the good of my soul, to prepare it for

its passage into eternity; that being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, put my trust in thee, love thee above all things, and, through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee for ever.

N.B. *If there is any appearance of real danger, the Patient, either by himself, or the assistance of those about him, should prepare for confession. Then send for the Priest, and not delay, in an affair of such infinite consequence, till little or nothing can be done.*

Thanksgiving upon Recovery.

Almighty and eternal Father, I render thee my sincere thanks, and grateful acknowledgments for restoring me again to health. I beg thy grace to assist me in making a better use of this blessing, than hitherto I have done. Grant that I may correct all the errors of my past life: that, improving in virtue, I may be an example to others, and sanctify that health to thee, which is now thy gift. How ungrateful have I been to the bounty and generosity of him, from whom this favor comes. When I look back, I am struck with horror to find, that in the very enjoyment of thy mercies, I have transgressed thy commands, and ungenerously offended thee. And yet, notwithstanding my repeated acts of abuse and provocations, thou continuest to heap additional favors on me. When I reflect on such unparalleled instances of lenity and forbearance, what can I do, but fall down, and with the profoundest homage adore thy goodness and mercy? but as all I can say or do will be infinitely short of what is due to

thee ; I here call upon all creatures to magnify the Lord with me ; to sound forth his praises ; to give him thanksgiving, adoration, glory and benediction : and you, blessed angels and spirits of the just, who have experienced, and are more sensible of his bounties, join with me in proclaiming his honor, wisdom, and infinite goodness, for ever and ever.

A Prayer often to be said in time of Health.

O God ! being called to the fellowship of angels, and to the glory of thy kingdom, let me not make myself the slave of creatures. Being under the sentence of death, the execution of which is every instant drawing nearer, what folly to mis-spend my time : could I satisfy every possible desire, how imperfect would be the enjoyment ; for the death of every acquaintance reminds me that life is ebbing fast away ; that the period is swift approaching which will tear me, like them, from all I admire ; and snatch me before a tribunal, where I must give a strict account of myself, and be punished or rewarded as my actions shall deserve. Convinced of all this, shall I go on like those unhappy sinners, whom I see consuming their time in a variety of sinful extravagances, but entirely forgetful of eternity ? Permit me not, O God, to fall under the guilt of so much stupidity, folly, and madness ; may I make a better use of my time, than squander it away in sloth, in vain curiosity, in frivolous conversations, in musing, doing, and thinking a thousand idle and unprofitable things : but whether I work, read, think, eat, drink, sleep,

or divert myself, may the whole be so ordered as to be acceptable to thee, and conducing to the end for which thou hast created me.

O God ! I can of myself do nothing : therefore, I beseech thee so to strengthen me by thy grace, that I may never more experience my usual infirmities. Make me steady in my duty, and faithful in my service to thee. May I never more yield to those corrupt passions and evil inclinations, which have rendered me so neglectful and careless in the great business of my salvation : may I grow daily more zealous and vigorous in the exercises of religion, and apply with all my might to perform them well : may I shake off all heaviness, coldness, and distractions ; and be spurred on by the remembrance of the life and sufferings of Christ, the example of the saints, the short duration of life, the certainty of death, the torments of hell, and the never-ending joys of heaven. To keep these objects always in view, I will thus frequently commune to my soul : art thou at peace with God ? Hast thou repented of all thy sins ? Art thou not subject to some evil habit ? Are thy criminal passions subdued ? Is thy heart so disengaged from the world and its interests, that thou art, at this moment, ready to leave it ? Dost thou despise its greatness and pleasures ? Dost thou go properly through all thy spiritual and temporal duties ? Is there nothing under thy care that suffers by thy neglect, ill-management, or want of industry ? Dost thou love God above all things, and thy neighbour as thyself ?

By thus daily looking into the state of my soul, may I never, O God, connive at any guilt, tolerate any sinful practice, or lull myself with a false notion of safety : may my life be so regulated as if each day were to be my last. Patiently submitting to whatever thou shalt please to ordain ; grant me grace to journey on towards heaven, with a will always conformable to thine ; in adversity, as well as in prosperity ; in sickness, as in health ; in poverty, as in affluence ; in contempt and calumny, as amidst the commendations and applauses of men. With this equality of temper, may I spend this transitory life in a virtuous and holy manner ; in perfect love with thee, and charity with all others, till the pains of sickness and the agonies of death shall come. Then, O Jesus ! stand by me ; support me by thy almighty power : let not the enemy prevail against me ; comfort me in thy mercy ; preserve me from all temptations, but above all from despair or presumption : secure me against all inward disturbance and terror ; and grant that, full of faith, hope and love, giving up my soul into thy hands, I may meet with this happy welcome ;—*well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord.*

THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER.

To the B. V. Mary, in honour of the sacred passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, by the devout recital of which, for the above space of time, we may confidently hope to obtain our lawful request.

* * * *It is particularly recommended as a proper devotion for every day in Lent, and all the Fridays throughout the year.*

Ever glorious and blessed Mary, queen of virgins, mother of mercy, the hope and comfort of dejected and desolate souls ; through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart, whilst thine only Son Jesus Christ our Lord, suffered death and ignominy on the cross : through that filial tenderness and pure love he had for thee, grieving in thy grief, whilst from his cross he recommended thee to the care and protection of his beloved disciple St. John ; take pity I beseech thee on my poverty and necessities ; have compassion on my anxieties and cares ; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities and miseries, of what kind soever. Thou art the mother of mercies, the sweet comforter, and only refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and afflicted. Cast, therefore, an eye of pity on a miserable forlorn child of Eve, and hear my prayer : for, since in just punishment of my sins, I find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils, and oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ! than to the wings of thy maternal protection. Attend therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion to my humble and earnest request. I ask it, through the mercy of thy dear Son : through that love and condescension wherewith he embraced our nature, when, in compliance with the divine will, thou gavest thy consent ; and whom, after the expiration of nine months, thou broughtest forth from the chaste inclosure of thy womb, to visit this world, and bless it with his presence. T

ask it, through that anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on the Mount of Olives, when he besought his eternal Father to remove from him, if possible, the bitter chalice of his future passion. I ask it through the threefold repetition of his prayer in the garden, from whence afterwards, with dolorous steps, and mournful tears, thou didst accompany him to the doleful theatre of his death and sufferings. I ask it through the wounds and sores of his virginal flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith he was bound and scourged, when stripped of his seamless garment, for which his executioners afterwards cast lots. I ask it, through the scoffs and ignominies wherewith he was insulted: the false accusations and unjust sentence by which he was condemned to death, and which he bore with heavenly patience. I ask it, through his bitter tears and bloody sweat, his silence and resignation, his sadness and grief of heart. I ask it, through the blood which trickled from his royal and sacred head, when struck with his sceptre of a reed, and pierced with his crown of thorns. I ask it, through the excruciating torments he suffered, when his hands and feet were fastened with gross nails to the cross. I ask it, through his vehement thirst, and bitter passion of vinegar and gall. I ask it through his dereliction on the cross, when he exclaimed—*My God! My God! why hast thou forsaken me.* I ask it, through his mercy extended to the good thief, and through his recommending his precious soul and spirit into the hands of his eternal Father before he expired,

saying, *all is finished*. I ask it through the blood mixed with water, which issued from his sacred side when pierced with a lance, from whence a plenteous stream of grace and mercy has flowed to us. I ask it, through his immaculate life, his bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at which nature itself was thrown into convulsions, by the bursting of rocks—rending of the veil of the temple—the earthquake and darkness of the sun and moon. I ask it, through his descent into hell, where he comforted the Saints of the old law with his presence, and led captivity captive. I ask it, through his glorious victory over death, when he rose again to life, on the third day, and through the joy which his appearance, for forty days after, gave to thee, his blessed mother, his apostles, and the rest of his disciples, when, in thine and their presence, he miraculously ascended into heaven. I ask it, through the grace of the Holy Ghost, infused into the hearts of the apostles, when he descended upon them, in the form of fiery tongues which inspired them with zeal in the conversion of the world, when they went to preach the gospel. I ask it through the awful appearance of thy Son, at the last dreadful day, when he shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. I ask it, through the compassion he bore thee, in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thine assumption into heaven, where thou art eternally absorbed, in the sweet contemplation of his divine perfections. O glorious and ever blessed Virgin! comfort the

heart of thy suppliant, by obtaining for me—* And as I am persuaded, my divine Saviour doth honor thee as his beloved mother, to whom he can refuse nothing, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy powerful intercession, according to the tenderness of thy maternal affection, and his filial loving heart, who mercifully granteth the requests, and complieth with the desires of those that love and fear him. Wherefore, O most blessed Virgin, besides the object of my present petition, and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son our Lord and our God, a lively faith, a firm hope, a perfect charity, a true contrition of heart, unfeigned tears of compunction, a sincere confession, a condign satisfaction, an abstinence from sin, a love of God and my neighbour, a contempt of the world, and patience to suffer affronts and ignominies; nay, even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for the love of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Obtain likewise for me, O sacred mother of God! perseverance in good works, the performance of good resolutions, the mortification of self-will, a pious conversation through life, and at my last moments, a strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind, as may enable me to receive the last sacraments of the church worthily, and die in thy friendship and favor. Lastly, obtain I beseech thee, for the

* Here mention your lawful request, under the condition of its being agreeable to the will of God, who best knows whether it will, or will not contribute towards your spiritual good.

souls of my parents, brethren, relations, and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting.
Amen.

A PRAYER,

That may be daily said by a person in a state of pregnancy.

O Lord God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, who hast made us all out of nothing, and redeemed us by the precious blood of thy only Son; look down upon thy poor handmaid here prostrate before thee, humbly imploring thy mercy, and begging thy blessing for herself and child, which thou hast given her to conceive. Preserve, I beseech thee, the work of thy hands, and defend both me and the tender fruit of my womb from all perils and all evils; grant me in due time a happy delivery, and bring my child to the font of baptism, that it may be there happily dedicated to thee, to love and serve thee faithfully for ever. But, O my God, I have too much reason to fear, lest my great and manifold sins should hinder thee from hearing my prayers, and draw down thy judgments upon me and mine, instead of the mercies which I sue for; and therefore I am sensible the first thing I ought to do is, to repent from the bottom of my heart of all my offences, humbly confess them, and continually cry to thee for mercy. I detest then all my sins with my whole heart, and desire to lay them all down at thy feet, to be effaced and destroyed for ever. I renounce and abhor them with my whole soul, because they are infinitely odious to thee; and I wish that I could expiate them with tears of blood:

I humbly beg thy pardon for them all, and I wish with all my heart that I had never committed them. I here offer myself to make what satisfaction I am able for them; and I most willingly accept of whatever I may have to go through in child bearing, and offer it up now before hand to thee for my sins; firmly resolving by thy grace never wilfully to offend thee more, See here my poor heart, O Lord, and if it be not such as I here express, at least I desire it should be such: I desire it should be that contrite and humble heart which thou never despisest. In this disposition of soul, and with a lively confidence in thy mercies, and in the merits of the death and passion of Jesus Christ thy Son, I renew the petition I made before, and I once more beg of thee, for myself, thy grace and protection, and a happy delivery; and for my child, that thou wouldest be pleased to preserve it for baptism, sanctify it for thyself, and make it thine for ever: through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

A LITANY FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

Composed by a young Lady, who at ten years of age was converted to the Catholic Faith, and died at eighteen in the odour of sanctity.

O Lord Jesus, God of goodness, and Father of mercies, I approach to thee with a contrite and humble heart; to thee I recommend the last hour of my life, and the decision of my eternal doom.

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to an end, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix themselves on thee, my last and only support, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my face, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay: when my hair, bathed in the sweat of death and stiffening on my head, shall forbode my approaching end, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my ears, soon to be for ever shut to the discourse of men, shall be open to hear the irrevocable decree, which is to cut me off from the number of the living, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities, and the terrors of thy judgment, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness, who will endeavour to conceal thy mercies from my eyes, and to plunge me into despair, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my poor heart, yielding to the pressure, and exhausted by its frequent struggles against the enemies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins; grant that I may expire the victim of penance, and in that dreadful moment, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my friends and relations, encircling my bed, shall shed the tear of pity over me, and invoke thy clemency in my behalf, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, when the world shall have vanished from my sight, when my agonizing soul shall feel the sorrows of death, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my last sigh shall summon my soul to burst from the embraces of the body, and to spring to thee on the wings of impatience and desire, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale and cold, receive this separation as a homage, which I willingly pay to thy divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

When at length my soul, admitted to thy presence, shall first behold the splendor of thy Majesty, reject me not, but receive me into thy bosom, where I may for ever sing thy praises, and in that last moment when eternity shall begin to me, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy on me.*

LET US PRAY.

O God, who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to

quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embraces of thy love, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEVOTIONS FOR CONFESSION.

That we may obtain forgiveness of our Sins in the Sacrament of Penance, we must attend to the following conditions, which must be complied with.

- I. We must have been baptized.
- II. We must earnestly pray to God for his grace to help us.
- III. We must carefully examine our conscience.
- IV. We must beg pardon of God, and be very sorry, from some supernatural motive, for having offended him.
- V. We must resolve to renounce all mortal sin, and live a good life in future.
- VI. We must confess all the mortal sins which we have committed, to a Priest who has received power to absolve us.
- VII. We must actually receive absolution.
- VIII. We must perform the penance enjoined in confession.

A Prayer to implore the Divine Assistance, in order to make a good Confession.

O Almighty and most merciful God, who hast made me out of nothing, and redeemed me by the precious blood of thy only Son: who hast, with so much patience, borne with me to this day, not-

withstanding all my sins and ingratitude ; ever calling after me to return to thee from the ways of vanity and iniquity, in which I have been quite wearied out in the pursuit of empty toys and mere shadows : seeking in vain to satisfy my thirst with muddy waters, and my hunger with husks of swine ; behold, O most gracious Lord, I now sincerely desire to leave all these my evil ways, to forsake the region of death, where I have so long lost myself, and to return to thee, the fountain of life. I desire, like the prodigal child, to enter seriously into myself, and with the like resolution to arise without delay, and to go home to my father, though I am infinitely unworthy to be called his child, in hopes of meeting with the like reception from his most tender mercy. But, O my God, though I can go astray from thee of myself, yet I cannot make one step towards returning to thee, unless thy divine grace stir me up and assist me. This grace, then, I most humbly implore, prostrate in spirit before the throne of thy mercy ; I beg it for the sake of *Jesus Christ*, thy Son, who died upon the cross for my sins ; I know thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live ; I know thy mercies are above all thy works ; and I most confidently hope, that as in thy mercy thou hast spared me so long, and hast now given me this desire of returning to thee, so thou wilt finish the work thou hast begun, and bring me to a perfect reconciliation with thee.

I desire now to comply with thy holy institution of the sacrament of penance : I desire to confess

my sins with all sincerity to thee, and to thy minister ; and therefore I desire to know myself, and to call myself to an account by a diligent examination of my conscience. But, O my God, how miserably shall I deceive myself, if thou assist me not in this work by thy heavenly light. O ! remove then every veil that hides any of my sins from me, that I may see them all in their true colours, and may sincerely detest them. O ! let me not any longer be imposed upon by the enemy, or by my own self love, so as to mistake vice for virtue, to hide myself from myself, or any way to flatter myself in my sins.

But, O my good God, what will it avail me to know my sins, if thou dost not also give me a hearty sorrow and repentance for them ; without this my sins will all be upon me still, and I shall be still thy enemy, and a child of hell. Thou insistest upon a *change of heart*, without which there can be no reconciliation with thee ; and this change of heart none but thou canst give. O ! give it me then, dear Lord, at this time. Give me a lively faith, and a firm hope in the passion of my Redeemer ; teach me to fear thee, and to love thee. Give me, for thy mercy's sake, a hearty sorrow for having offended so good a God. Teach me to detest my evil ways ; to abhor all my past ingratitude ; to hate myself now with a perfect hatred for my many treasons against thee. O ! give me a full and firm resolution of a new life for the future, and unite me to thee with an eternal band of love, which nothing in life or death may ever break.

Grant me also the grace to make an entire and sincere confession of my sins, and to accept of the confusion of it, as a penance justly due to my transgressions. Let not the enemy prevail upon me to pass over any thing, through fear or shame : rather let me die than consent to so great an evil. Let no self-love deceive me, as I fear it has done too often. O ! grant that this confession at least may be good, and for the sake of *Jesus Christ*, thy Son, who died for me, and for all sinners, assist me in every part of my preparation for it, that I may go through it with the same care and diligence, as I should be glad to do at the hour of my death : that so being perfectly reconciled to thee, I may never offend thee more.

O blessed Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, mirror of innocence and sanctity, and refuge of penitent sinners, intercede for me through the passion of thy Son, that I may have the grace to make a good confession. All ye blessed angels and saints of God, pray for me, a poor miserable sinner ; that I may now, for good and all, turn from my evil ways, that so henceforward my heart may be for ever united with yours in eternal love, and never more go astray from the sovereign good. *Amen.*

The following Table of Sins may assist a person in preparing for Confession.

Against the first commandment.

1. Have you ever worshipped any thing but God ; and how often ?

2. Have you ever put your trust in any being, in heaven or on earth, except God ?

3. Have you ever put your faith in any graven image or the likeness of any thing in heaven above, or in the earth beneath ?

4. Have you been guilty of any kind of superstition ?

5. Have you neglected to worship God by prayer and humility ?

6. Have you neglected to get instruction in the principles of the christian religion ; and for what length of time ?

7. Have you been desirous of remaining ignorant of any of the revealed mysteries of faith ?

8. Have you ever obstinately disbelieved or called in question the mysteries of the Trinity, the Incarnation, or any of the other revealed mysteries of the christian religion ?

9. Have you ever resisted the Holy Ghost by refusing to acknowledge what you judged to have been founded on divine revelation ?

10. Have you ever resolved and acted contrary to your own better knowledge in matters of religion ?

11. Have you delayed to profess that faith and religion, which in your conscience you believed to be true ?

12. Have you ever consulted fortune-tellers, or used any charms or spells ?

13. Have you with danger to yourself, and scandal to others, frequented places of worship in a false religion ; and how often ?

Second Commandment.

1. Have you ever rashly appealed to God ?

2. Have you ever sworn falsely or perjured yourself ?

3. Have you habituated yourself to profane swearing, and scandalized others by it ?

4. Have you, by your example, taught others to swear ?

5. Have you cursed yourself or others ?

6. Have you ever used any blasphemous words against any of the sacred persons of the Holy Trinity : the saints of God ; or the holy scriptures ?

7. Have you ever broken any solemn oath or vow ?

8. Have you disseminated scandal, by irreverent remarks on religion, its ministers, or holy things ?

Third Commandment.

1. Have you kept holy the Sabbath, and the feasts of obligation in the church ?

2. Have you done servile work unnecessarily on those days ?

3. Have you, through your own fault, neglected to be present on those days at Mass, according to the precept of the church ?

Fourth Commandment.

1. Have you, as a Parent, been wanting in any duty towards your children : or, as a child, have you been wanting in any duty towards your parents ?

2. Have you, as a parent, sought your children's temporal interest at the expense or risk of their eternal salvation ?

3. Have you any way led them astray from virtue and duty by your own example ?

4. Have you, as a husband or master, been harsh or overbearing in your commands ?

5. Have you, as a wife or servant, been wanting in obedience and respect to your superior ?

6. Have you, as a subject, been rebellious in act or intention, against the state ?

7. Have you violated your oath of allegiance to your Queen, or instigated others to do it ?

8. Have you neglected to give information to the magistrate of any plot against the state, or Queen's person.

9. Have you, as a soldier, failed in your duty, loyalty, and subordination to your officers ?

10. Have you deserted from your colors in battle, or at any other time ?

11. Have you been any ways wanting in your duty as a magistrate or judge ?

Fifth Commandment.

1. Have you quarrelled with your neighbour ?

2. Have you injured, or desired to injure others, either in their person, reputation, or property ?

3. Have you refused to forgive, and sought passionate revenge ?

4. Have you committed or desired to commit bloodshed ?

5. Have you desired or attempted to commit suicide ?

6. Have you made religion a mask or excuse for injuring your neighbour ?

7. Have you been wanting in charity to any person ?

8. Have you desired, or rejoiced at any person's loss, or misfortune ?

9. Have you, without a just cause, exposed the faults of others ?

10. Have you been guilty of intoxication, and how often ?

11. Have you any way scandalized others ?

Sixth Commandment.

1. Have you been guilty of adultery or fornication ; and how often ?

2. Have you desired to commit either ; and how often ?

3. Have you intended to commit either : and how often ?

4. Have you taken pleasure in thinking on any impure subject ; and how often ?

5. Have you endeavoured to excite your own passions ; and how often ?

6. Have you been guilty of indecent liberties ; and how often ?

7. Have you read indecent writings, or lent them to others ; and how often ?

8. Have you exposed indecent pictures ?

9. Have you kept in your possession and not destroyed obscene books and pictures ?

10. Have you joined in indecent conversation ; and how often ?

11. Has your dress been indecent ; and have you thereby given scandal to others ?

12. Have you carelessly allowed the morals of your children, or others under your charge, to be exposed to temptation ?

13. Have you committed any gross sin against chastity ?

Seventh Commandment.

1. Have you been unjust in your dealings ?

2. Have you stolen ? to what value ? and was it from a poor person ?

3. Have you neglected to restore ill-gotten property ?

4. Have you refused to pay your just debts ?

5. Have you secretly taken more than you contracted for ?

6. Have you failed to give good work for your wages ?

7. Have you consumed, or given away your master's property ?

8. Have you, as a servant, robbed from his cellar, his kitchen, his stables, or his farm ?

9. Have you been an uncareful steward, bailiff, or clerk ?

Eighth Commandment.

1. Have you been addicted to telling lies ?

2. Have you borne false witness against your neighbour ?

3. Have you hurt or endeavoured to hurt his reputation ?

4. Have you neglected, as far as in your power, to replace him in the good opinion of others ?

5. Have you been false and insincere in your depositions upon oath ?

Ninth Commandment.

1. Have you cast a lustful eye on another person's wife or husband ? or have you coveted, or wished to commit the sin of impurity with any married person ; or looked at a virgin so as to lust after her ?

Tenth Commandment.

1. Have you unlawfully coveted any part of your neighbour's property ?

Commandments of the Church.

1. Have you neglected to keep the appointed days of fasting and abstinence ?

2. Have you neglected to make your Easter Communion?

3. Have your confessions been uncandid and insincere?

4. Have you ever gone to confession or communion without true sorrow for sin, and a firm purpose of amendment?

5. Have you refused to contribute to the support of your pastor?

PRAYERS BEFORE CONFESSION.

O maker of heaven and earth, my God and Saviour, who out of nothing didst create me to thy own image, and redeem me by thy precious blood; look down, I humbly beseech thee, with pity and compassion upon me, as thou didst on thy Apostle St. Peter, and Mary Magdalen; and as thou didst forgive the humble publican, and the penitent thief, so most Holy Lord, pardon these sins of mine, which I lay at thy feet. Have mercy on me, who have many ways exceedingly offended thee in thought, in word and in deed. Spare me, O Lord, and take compassion on this sinful soul. For to whom can I fly, except to thee my Father and God! Shouldst thou cast me off and despise me, who will protect me? Though sinful and unworthy, receive me therefore returning to thee as the prodigal. If I am impure, thou canst make me clean; if I am weak, thou canst strengthen me; if I am dead in sin, thou canst raise me to

life. Thy mercy surpasses all my iniquities, and thou canst forgive more than human malice is capable of committing.

Consider not therefore, O Lord, the number of my sins, but according to the excess of thy mercy pardon all my transgressions. As thou hast declared, *I will not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live*, say to my soul, 'I am thy salvation.' O God of truth, since thou hast promised never to reject a contrite and humble heart, but to pardon the repenting sinner, prostrate at the feet of thy mercy, with sincere regret for having offended thee, I confess that I hate and detest my sins, not only on account of the punishment they have deserved, but because they have offended thee, whom I ought to have loved above all things.

I now at least renounce my sins entirely, and with the assistance of thy grace, will endeavour to avoid them in future. I renounce those passions, habits, and occasions which have led me to sin, and I desire to break with them for ever. I am also desirous of repairing the scandals I may have given, as well as the injuries I may have done to my neighbour, whether in his honor, his person, or his property, and I wish to be reconciled to him. Through the merits of the precious blood and death of Jesus Christ, my God and Saviour, I implore thy pardon for all that is passed; and in that and thy infinite goodness, I place my hopes of obtaining mercy, as well as of correcting my life, and of serving thee faithfully.

And because thou hast justly ordained that every sinner should do penance, I accept, and with this view submit to all the pains, afflictions, and crosses it shall please thee to send me. I offer them to thee, together with what shall be enjoined me as a satisfaction in the tribunal of confession, as well as all the good thy grace will enable me to do, in the constant desire of satisfying thy justice, by acts of worthy penance: which deriving all their merit from Jesus Christ thy Son, shall be offered to thee by him, and made acceptable through his mediation.

I believe, O my God, that thou wilt reward those that seek thee, and that thou deprivest not of thy blessings those who walk in innocence; nor despisest the contrite and humble heart of the sinner, that returns to thee, but grantest him mercy. All that thou hast revealed is true; all that thou hast promised is certain. Thou hast revealed to me that thy grace justifies the impious, and that the sinner, who was lost by sin, and cannot by his own strength deliver himself, is converted, and sanctified by means of thy grace given him, through the merits of Jesus Christ. Yes, I believe it, O Lord, and with tears beg of thee to vouchsafe to increase my faith. Thou hast promised to shew mercy to the sinner that asks it; and assuring us that thou wilt not his death, but his conversion and life, thou hast promised to pardon his sins, when he shall return to thee. Confiding in these promises, I implore thy mercy at this moment, when I throw myself at thy feet,

O my Lord, and my God, I entirely hope in thee; and the confidence I have in thy exceedingly great goodness supports me, under the terrors of thy justice. As I know thou art merciful, at the same time that thou art just, as thou takest a pleasure in pardoning men in the time of this life, which is the time of mercy, prostrate in thy presence, I declare, I do not at all trust in my own works, but only in the multitude of thy mercies. I hope thou wilt have pity on me, according to thy great mercy, and for thy most holy name's sake wilt pardon my sins, although the number of them be excessive:—not having spared thy own Son, but having given him for the redemption of my sins. He is my advocate—He has loved me—He has sacrificed himself for me, and for all men. With great confidence then, I hope from thy mercy the pardon which he has merited for me, by shedding his most sacred blood for my redemption.

O source of justice, most holy God, and author of all sanctity! thou who art sanctity itself! I love thee with my whole heart, and desire to love thee more and more: and as my sins have been the cause that I have not loved thee enough, and have departed from thee, I detest them, and return now to thee. I love thy sanctity and thy justice, which discover to me the horror and ingratitude of sin. I love thy mercy, from which I hope for pardon. I love thee, O my God, because thou hast created me, redeemed me with the blood of Jesus Christ thy Son, and preserved me, even when I offended thee. My ingratitude and my slackness

have not wearied nor disgusted thee. Thou hast called me many and different times; thou hast frequently prevented me with thy grace, and at present thou givest me the will to come to thee, and art ready to receive me into the number of thy children, to pardon my sins: and disposing me to receive the crown of justice, thou thyself art willing to be my reward, and my happiness in heaven.

I love thee, O Lord, and for the love of thee with all my heart I detest those sins, by which I have had the misfortune to depart from thee. I acknowledge and feel how deplorable and bitter a thing it is to have left thee. I have committed two great evils; I have abandoned thee, who art the source of all true happiness; and have preferred before thee an abominable and deceitful pleasure, from which I received the stroke of death. I accuse and condemn myself in thy presence: I bewail those many sins of which I acknowledge myself guilty. I humbly beg pardon for them, through the merits of Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and I pray thee to supply all that is wanting to the ardour of the contrition, with which I detest my iniquities. Accept, O God of mercy, the sentiments of my heart; they are known to thee, and thou art thyself the author of my sighs and my tears.

At present, and for ever, I renounce the devil, his works and his pomps. I detest all sin: and I desire, O my God, to receive thy forgiveness in this sacrament, which thou hast instituted for that

effect. I purpose henceforward to lead a new life, and obey thy commandments through all the remainder of my days. I have sinned against thee ; I refuse not to do penance for the same ; accept of it, O Lord, I beseech thee, for the sake of the merits of my Redeemer, to which I desire to unite the little I perform by the assistance of thy grace.

Animate my heart, and my tongue, O Lord, that my confession may be sincere, complete, and perfect. In flame also the heart and tongue of this thy minister, at whose feet I am to prostrate myself, to the end, that being full of the spirit of wisdom and charity, he may fully know the state in which I am, and may teach me all that I ought to do in order to become acceptable to thee.

Aspirations of a penitent Soul, for having abandoned the Service of God.

O, return to me ye days of holiness and peace, in which I was united to God, and God to me ! in which I tasted how sweet is his holy service ! in which the dews of celestial consolation were poured into my soul. O days of happiness, whither have ye fled ! How happy was my lot, when my heart was pure and united to her God ! My days were then full of innocence and joy ; a joy that was pure, a joy that was holy. What is become of all that then delighted me so much ! in what fatal hour has my heart been changed ! Restore to me, O God, those happy days ! restore to me the peace of my soul ! replace me in that serenity of mind, which I once enjoyed ; and when thou hast reinstated me in the possession of that blessing, never

let sin deprive me of it again ; impart to me also that strength and ardour which are to support me in temptation,—animate me in combat,—and arm me against the attacks of the enemies of my salvation, always prepared against me, and seeking my destruction. May thy grace always assist me, O God, and support me in the holy resolutions I have made. *Amen.*

The Confessor sits in the Tribunal of Confession, in quality of a Spiritual Judge : the Penitent, in quality of a Suppliant, kneels down by his side, having his face turned from him, and in a low tone of voice he says :

Pray, Father, give me your blessing. *The Priest answers,* May the Lord be in thy heart and on thy lips, that thou mayest truly and humbly confess thy sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Penitent. I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed : through my fault ; through my fault ; through my exceeding great fault.

My last confession was a month ago (or at the last indulgence, or —————) when I received absolution and performed my penance. Since that time I accuse myself that I have ————— *the penitent then mentions his sins, and having sincerely declared all that he can remember, he adds :*

For these, and all my other sins, which I cannot now remember, I am heartily sorry; I purpose amendment for the future; I most humbly ask pardon of God, and penance and absolution of you, my Ghostly Father.

Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever a Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, and you, Father, to pray to our Lord God for me.

The Priest then gives the Penitent that advice which is most suited to his particular circumstances, and in satisfaction to the offended Deity, enjoins him some prayers, or alms deeds, or other pious good works, which he is to offer to God in union with the infinite satisfaction of Jesus Christ; after which, he absolves him in the following manner:

May the Almighty God have mercy upon thee, forgive thee thy sins, and bring thee to life everlasting. *Amen.*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord give thee pardon, absolution, and the remission of thy sins. *Amen.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ absolve thee; and by his authority I absolve thee from every bond of excommunication, and interdict, as far as I have power, and thou hast need. I likewise do absolve thee from all thy sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

A Prayer at the receiving of Absolution.

O merciful God, as, at the words of the angel, the chains fell from the feet of St. Peter, and he

was immediately restored to liberty ; so grant, that by the words of this holy sacrament, pronounced by the Priest, the chains of my sins may be loosened, and all my offences pardoned, through the promises and merits of my only Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PRAYERS AFTER CONFESSION.

I return now to thee, O Father of mercy, and God of all consolation ! I am here in thy presence covered with confusion at the remembrance of my sins, with my heart broken with grief, but at the same time penetrated with the most lively sentiments of humble gratitude. After I had rebelled against thee, my Lord and my God, and become, by my pure malice, the object of thy terrible indignation ; instead of abandoning me to my unhappy lot, thou hast come thyself to seek this strayed sheep ; thou hast come to me, miserable prodigal child ; thou hast restored to me my first garment, and made me enter again into thy favor. Hateful as I was to thy eyes by reason of my sins, scarce have I confessed them, but I am assured thou hast forgiven them. What shall I give thee, O my God, for so great a benefit ? What shall I do in acknowledgment of the same ? Thou hast, by the sweet efficacy of thy grace, broken the shameful and multiplied bands of my sins ; the least I can do, to shew my gratitude to thee, for doing so, is to offer to thee on this, and all the days of my life, a sacrifice of praise, and to bless and extol continually, the immense fulness of thy mercy ; to detest with my whole heart all my sins

throughout the remainder of my days ; and to make a firm purpose to die, rather than ever to displease thee any more. I do it with all my heart, O my God, and will do it to my death. I never will cease to glorify thee, the best of Lords and Masters ; to love thee, the most amiable of all Fathers ; and to render eternal thanks to Jesus, my divine Redeemer, my merciful Saviour. May all thy angels, O Lord, may all thy saints give thanks to thee for all thy infinite bounties to me. O God of my heart, may the heavens and the earth, and all creatures, join in rendering thee perpetual praises for the same.

O my soul, return infinite praises and thanks to thy Lord, who hast vouchsafed to pardon thy sins, to heal thy infirmities, to deliver thee from death, to shew mercy to thee, to strengthen thee with his grace. How merciful art thou, O God of bounty ! how sweet, how lovely, how patient art thou ! thou hast not treated me as my ingratitude deserved. After the manner of a compassionate and affectionate Father towards his children, thou hast had pity on me, thou hast delivered my soul, thou hast saved me from reprobation. I have confessed my sins to thee, and thou hast pardoned them. Be thou for ever blessed. I beg of thee to continue thy mercy towards me ; and vouchsafe to receive the thanksgiving which I give thee, offering to thee the merits of my Redeemer, thy Son, to supply for my defects. O Jesus, who hast loved me, and cleansed me from my iniquities, I prostrate myself at thy feet to thank

thee, as the leprous person, for having cured me of the leprosy of my sins. I adore thee, after the example of Thomas, and I acknowledge thee for my God, and my Lord. I protest with the Apostle Peter, penitent and afflicted for his sin, that I love thee with my whole heart. O never permit sin any more to separate me from thee.

The recollection of graces and favors which I have received of thy infinite mercy, have still more increased my abhorrence of sin and my repentance for having committed it against thee, O God of mercy, my most loving Lord. How much do I repent for having offended thee, my Creator, my Redeemer, my God infinitely good, my truly bountiful Father! May this heart of mine be grieved and broken with sorrow. May these eyes of mine weep bitterly, because I have departed from my God; I have despised him, I have undervalued him. Pardon me, O Lord, and reject not the sacrifice which I will offer to thee during the remainder of my life, of a heart truly contrite and humbled.

Good Resolutions, and Prayers to beg Grace to observe them.

Now I have resolved, and will instantly begin, O God of mercy and author of this my resolution, to love no more but for thee; I will never forget thy holy law; I will endeavour to know it, will meditate on it, and will observe it. I abhor sin, and will fly from it as from a serpent. I will fly from all the occasions and dangers of it, and abstain altogether from evil. Penetrated with a

lively sense of gratitude, and with thy holy love, I will keep at a distance from every thing that can displease thee, and will do every thing that I shall know to be acceptable to thee.

O God strengthen me in these holy purposes ; lead me in the way of thy commandments, never suffer iniquity to rule over my heart. I place in thee all my confidence. This is thy work, vouchsafe to render it still more and more perfect ; to the end, that advancing from virtue to virtue, I may at last possess thee in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

PRAYERS BEFORE COMMUNION.

A Prayer to Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of the Altar.

O ever glorious priest, and divine pontiff, Jesus Christ, who on account of our miseries and iniquities didst offer thyself to the eternal Father, a pure and immaculate victim on the altar of the cross, and didst bequeath to us in these sacramental mysteries, thy blessed body and blood for the life and nourishment of our souls, I beseech thee by that same blood which purchased our redemption, and by that ineffable charity which induced thee to make a sacrifice of thy whole self for us, that thou wilt now enable me to approach thy holy sacrament this day with reverence and respect, and with a piety and fear becoming so great a mystery. Grant me the grace always to think, speak, and believe respecting this holy institution, as most pleases thee :—may thy divine spirit descend into the deepest recesses of my heart, and there silently

instructing me in thy heavenly truths, dispose me to receive thee with purity of mind and body?—and banishing from me all unlawful, vain, and vicious thoughts, may it implant in their stead, every divine virtue: so that approaching thy altar with an undefiled conscience, thy sacraments may prove to me both life and salvation. For thou hast declared, by thy own sacred and blessed lips, *the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If any one eat of this bread he shall live for ever.* Give me then, O Lord, always this bread, and impart to my soul a true relish for this divine manna.

O most pure and delicious bread! containing every excellence, let me feed upon thee, and let my vitals be replenished with thy sweetness! As thou art the bread of angels, so let me, a poor stranger and traveller, eat of thee, that I may not faint in my journey to heaven. O bread of sanctity, bread of life, bread of purity, that *comest down from heaven to give life to the world*, enter into my breast, and purify my heart from every defilement of sin. Make my soul thy habitation and tabernacle, impart to it every interior and exterior grace, and may it be henceforward consecrated wholly to the service of my Redeemer.

Humbly prostrating myself therefore at the foot of thy Altar, divine Jesus, thou knowest that, though I am unworthy of receiving thee, I desire at least this blessing with my whole heart. If I have nothing within me agreeable to thee, at least

I am eager to become so in thy sight. I conjure thee to assist me: may thy mercy and thy merits supply for my defects; and may I be enabled through thy grace to receive thee as I ought. For this purpose, I renounce all attachment to my own convenience, as well as all desires of being loved and esteemed by men. I renounce all pride and obstinancy, all human respects which have so frequently been the motive of my actions;—all attachments and affections of flesh and blood, which have so long occupied my mind and heart. For the time to come I will only think of thee,—act for thee,—and endeavour to please thee. And thou, O divine Spirit, who didst form the body of my Saviour to such perfection in the chaste womb of the Virgin Mary,—who didst endow his blessed soul with most precious gifts to dispose it for the ineffable union of our nature with the word, vouchsafe to prepare my body and soul for that mystical union which the incarnate word is to form with me this day. Purify my body, enlighten my mind, and kindle in my heart a sacred flame of affection, that I may live eternally united to him, who is our sacrifice, priest, and victim, now and for ever. *Amen.*

An Act of Faith and Adoration.

I believe, O Jesus, that thou art really present in this most venerable sacrament. Full of this faith, I adore thee as my Creator, my Redeemer, my supreme good, my Lord, and my God. I believe that thou art in this sacrament, to offer eternal life to those who receive thee, and this

makes me ardently desire to approach to thy sacred table. I believe that those who receive thee unworthily, eat and drink their own judgment, and this gives me reason to fear and tremble. But, O my God, as I put my whole confidence in thee, I hope to live in thee, and for thee.

An Act of Humility and Contrition.

Prostrate in thy presence, O Jesus, I acknowledge that I am not worthy to approach to thee, miserable sinner as I am ! a vile creature, dust and corruption ! My sins render me unworthy to be nourished with the bread of angels, to receive thee my Creator and my God. And although I hope that they are now forgiven, nevertheless I acknowledge myself unworthy to be at thy table, in quality of thy child. I confess that I am not worthy to be admitted as one of thy slaves. May the ardour of my devotion, however, O Lord, supply my unworthiness. Purify me still more from my sins, I detest them with my whole heart, and will never more offend thee.

An Act of Love.

O my Lord and my God ! with what desire do I wish to unite myself to thee, by this holy communion ! My heart is full of sentiments of an ardent desire of being with thee, of receiving thee, of possessing thee, O immense bounty ! Not content with being incarnate for me, with having suffered so much for my salvation, and with having died for the love of me, thou art desirous moreover to nourish me with thy own flesh, to enter into me, to unite thyself with this most unworthy sinner.

O the incomprehensible charity of my God, who has loved me so much ! In return, O Lord, it is my duty to love thee, and I do love thee with all my heart, with all my mind, with all my strength. Methinks I hear thee, from the middle of this thy sanctuary, asking me as thou didst heretofore the Apostle Peter, whether I love thee ? Yes, I love thee, O my God, I love thee, and wish still to love thee more and more. O kindle in my heart this bright flame of thy charity, inflame it, and grant it may desire nothing but thee.

An Act of Reparation.

O adorable Jesus ! penetrated with grief at the sight of the many outrages heaped upon thee in thy sacred passion, and which are continually renewed against thee, in this holy sacrament of thy love, behold me prostrate at the foot of thy altar, to make thee every reparation in my power. I wish to offer some satisfaction to thy insulted honor, by the homage and respect I am desirous of paying thee. I wish I could wash away in my tears, all those irreverences, profanations, and sacrileges daily committed against thy divine Majesty. My life would be well employed, if I could spend it in so worthy a purpose. Grant me, O God, the pardon of all the infidelities, ingratitude, and indignities of which I in particular have rendered myself guilty against thee. Forget not, that, on account of the weight of our sins, thou hast been afflicted even unto death. Let not thy sufferings and thy blood be ineffectual in my regard : annihilate this criminal heart of mine, and give me one

more like to thine ; a heart humble and contrite, a heart pure and spotless, a heart henceforward only a victim consecrated to thy glory, and burning with the sacred fire of thy love. By my own respectful deportment in the presence of thy Altar—by my assiduity in my visits to thee, and my devotion and fervour in receiving thee, I will do my best in future to make some reparation for those irreverences and sacrileges which I deplore in all the bitterness of my heart. But in order to render my respect and homage more agreeable, I will unite them to those of thy angels and blessed spirits who are always prostrate at the feet of thy throne. Hear my prayers, O God, and accept the homage of a heart returning to thee with a determination of never loving any thing but for thee ; that I may deserve to love thee for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer immediately before the Holy Communion.

O my God, and my Saviour, Jesus Christ ! only Son and consubstantial with the heavenly Father, author and finisher of our faith, object of our desires and wishes ! thou, who art truth itself, the life that is never to end, and the only way that leads to life. O adorable Jesus ! splendour of the glory, and the true image of the substance of the eternal Father ; divine Saviour, in whom alone is our salvation, because under heaven there is no other name given to men, by virtue of which we can be saved. O living bread, who hast descended from heaven to be our food ! Not content with having given thy whole blood generally for all

men, thou vouchsafest also, dear Jesus, by an excess of love, to admit us to thy holy table, and to feed us with thy sacred body, and thy precious blood. O what is man, that a God so great should vouchsafe to think of him, and to make him the object of his attention and affection ! Alas ! what else am I but a mere nothing, and even worse than nothing, by reason of my iniquities ! And yet, however unworthy I am to appear in thy presence, O God of Majesty ! thou comest thyself to meet me, thou invitest me to thy banquet, and the delicious meat thou givest me to eat is really thy own adorable body, and thy precious blood. Be thou for ever blessed, O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, for so singular a benefit ; but give me, O Lord, the nuptial garment, without which, I shall be only guilty if I come to thy table. I believe firmly, O my Saviour Jesus Christ, that what I am going to receive is nothing less than thyself : I commend myself, therefore, to thee. O what hunger, what ardent thirst, have I to receive thee ! O how I wish for that happy moment, when I shall behold thee coming to me under the form of bread, to be my food ! I detest with my whole heart all my sins. Blot out my iniquities, O Lord, and if I have been so happy as to be made clean, wash me, and purify me still more by the precious blood which thou hast shed generally for all sinners, and of which one drop alone can blot out all the sins of the world ; and prepare for thyself an abode in me, less unworthy of thee. I believe that thou art really present in this sacred host, but do thou render my love still

more ardent. I hope thou wilt supply my extreme poverty with thy grace and blessings : O render my confidence still more universal and more constant. Come, my good Father—come, my charitable Physician, my good Pastor—come, O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world—come, my Jesus, my God, and my all !

I offer thee my heart, as a holocaust, my amiable Jesus ! let it be consumed with the fire of thy divine love ; extinguish in it even the least spark of the love of the world ; that, for the time to come, nothing may please me but thyself ; because I only desire to live and die by the influence of thy love.

Thou, my divine Saviour, sayest to us : Come to me all ye that labour and are burthened, and I will ease and refresh you. I therefore come to thee ; receive me, I beg of thee, and vouchsafe to admit me to thy holy table ; and grant that, living no more but for thy love, I may never more depart from thee. Thou hast commanded us, O Lord, not to appear before thee with empty hands—I come to receive thee, my amiable Jesus ! but what can I offer to thee, except thy own gifts, and what I have received from thee. Accept, therefore, all my faculties, all the powers of my soul, of which I make a sacrifice to thee for ever. I offer to thee my memory, my understanding, and my will ; grant that, for the time to come, I may remember nothing but thee. May thy holy will be the rule of mine, and may I never will any thing but what thou wilt. *Amen.*

An Act to solicit the Grace of Communion at the Hour of Death.

Through my whole life, O my God, I have stood in need of thy graces, which by thy liberality and mercy have been heaped upon me; and happy should I be if I never had abused thy bounty. But there remains one grace over and above those which I have received, and which I now solicit with all the ardour of my soul; that is the grace of receiving thee at the hour of death.

O divine Jesus, living and dying for the love of me! at this very time I am ready to offer to thee the sacrifice of my life, whenever it shall please thee to require it; but before I terminate my mortal existence in this world, grant me the happiness of receiving the blessed Eucharist as the holy viaticum, which is to support me in my last passage, and conduct me from the miseries of this life to the joys of eternity. At that time the enemies of my salvation will make their last effort to disturb, agitate, and alarm my soul, on the point of leaving this world. But come to my aid, adorable Saviour, come and strengthen me in this fight against my spiritual foe; come and sanctify my expiring thoughts; come receive and consecrate to thyself the last throbbings of my heart. Assisted by thy grace, and animated by thy presence, I will then wait, with resignation and confidence, for the moment that is to separate my soul from my body, in the hope that I may be for ever united to the author of my being, and the term of my happiness. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR MASS.

BEFORE COMMUNION.

Beg God's grace to communicate worthily.

I come, O Lord, unto thy sanctuary, to seek the life and food of my soul. But am I innocent enough to appear in thy presence, and to unite myself to thee? Judge me, O God, and be pleased to make thy judgment known to me. It is the holy nation only that ought to receive thee, *viz.*, those who are penetrated with a sincere desire of pleasing thee. Sinners and unjust men are unworthy to approach thee: permit me not, O Lord, to be seduced by them. Teach me to discern thy adorable body, and to know the price of thy precious blood. Why should my soul be seized with anguish and sadness at the sight of thy altars? Hope guides me, and love invites me to them. Enlighten me, O Lord, with the torch of faith, and never permit me to dishonor thee by a profane and sacrilegious worship. Purify my heart; support my weakness. Send me that sublime wisdom from above, which makes even youth, the most inconsiderate years of our lives, sensible of the dignity of thy sacraments, the holiness of thy laws, and the majesty of thy presence. As I hope in thee, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to thy holy mountain. Though I am alarmed by the consciousness of my unworthiness, still I am encouraged by a hope in thy goodness. I shall receive him into my breast who solicits my love, and who wills my salvation. I will therefore publish his praises, and admire the prodigious effects of his divine charity.

O Almighty God! who givest the bread of heaven to those who live on earth, grant me the fervour of those blessed souls who reign with thee in thy blessed abode. *Amen.*

AT THE CONFITEOR.

Humble yourself at the sight of your sins.

I have sinned, O Lord; I have violated thy commandments. What ought to have made me agreeable in my eyes, has been employed in making me culpable. My thoughts—my words—my actions—and all that I possess interiorly or exteriorly, ought to be directed to thy glory. Thou gavest me a being only to love and obey thee, but, alas! how seldom have I submitted to the duties of obedience, or been faithful to those of love. This I confess and acknowledge to my shame and confusion. I will not seek to justify myself before thee. Yes, it is through my fault, through my grievous fault, that I have sinned; this I cannot too often repeat, to pay homage to the truth, and to confound my pride. Thine inspirations, assistance, and grace, have never been wanting to me; but, alas! I have slighted them. Thou gavest me an upright heart, and didst engrave on my soul the principles of religion and justice, but I have misapplied them. My faults have been frequent, multiplied, and even enormous, since they have been sufficiently so to displease thee. How then, O my God, shall I dare to present myself at the banquet of the elect, and there to partake of the food of angels.

O holy Virgin, temple of the word made flesh:—holy John the Baptist, angel of the desert, who didst

prepare the way for the Redeemer of the world;—faithful disciples, who listened to his instructions with so much docility, and who received them with so lively a faith in this mysterious banquet;—blessed souls, who now possess him in heaven, and enjoy, without shadow or darkness, all the treasures of his divinity, join me in petitioning for pardon and grace. He will graciously hear your prayers; his mercy itself will interpose and appease his anger.

O my God ! that I could but receive thee into a heart as pure as is that of thy holy mother :—as penitent as that of David ;—as tractable as those of thy disciples ;—and as fervent as those of the blessed whom thou hast crowned with diadems of everlasting glory. I know that their affections and sentiments are beyond measure greater than mine ; but as I cannot possibly possess them, may I be allowed at least to desire them. *Amen.*

AT THE KYRIE ELEISON.

Pray for Mercy.

Have mercy on me, O Lord ; alas ! if thou observe my iniquities, I cannot stand in thy presence ; how then shall I unite myself to thee in so intimate a manner ? Man, compared to thee, is no more than a contemptible assemblage of errors, infirmities and weakness ; how then shall I presume to approach thee ? If thou didst not look on me with eyes of mercy, I should be annihilated by a single glance of thy justice. But the happy days of indulgence and propitiation are not yet

elapsed ; the days of wrath and vengeance are deferred ; I can invoke thy name ; I can still call thee my Saviour and Father ; still present myself here in thy temple, where tokens of thy goodness alone are discovered ; before an altar where thou art present only to distribute thy graces. I will, then, approach this throne of mercy with confidence, saying, Lord have mercy on me. I say it with the same spirit of compunction as David, the same faith as the blind man of Jericho ! forget my sins, dispel my darkness. This mysterious banquet was prepared only for the children of light, yet thy goodness calls me to it ; but it is thy mercy alone which can make me worthy to be admitted. *Amen.*

AT THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Give glory to God, and beg his peace.

“Glory be to God on high ; and peace on earth to men of good will.” This canticle was sung by the angels at the manger of Bethlehem : but may I not sing it again, O Lord, now I see thee hid under the veils that cover thee ? What a glory, to see the all-powerful God, who is seated above the heavens ! What peace, what comfort, on earth, to those of good will ! Glory be to God, whose justice is satisfied by the perpetual sacrifice of so noble a victim ! Peace and comfort on earth to men of good will, who see daily God, as it were, annihilate himself to save them, and feed them with his own substance. I praise thee, O Lord ; I bless thee, I adore thee, I love thee ; I am astonished, ravished, and overjoyed at so many miracles o

generosity and love. But shall I reap no advantage from them? Shall I suffer them to be useless, by the criminal dispositions of my heart? Shall I perish, notwithstanding all the sacrifices thou hast made? Shall I slight that peace which thou offerest me; or shall I not, on the contrary, rather strive to acquire that good will which is the source of it? O my God, calm that conflict which rises so often in my heart, and causes the flesh to fight against the spirit? avert especially that criminal and seditious war, which sinners denounce in rebelling against thee. *Amen.*

AT THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL.

Beg that God would grant you his grace to practise the precepts therein contained.

O my God, what would barren affections avail me, if I did not reduce those divine precepts to practice which thou hast declared to me by thy prophets, apostles, and evangelists. Ought I not to be struck with astonishment at their threats, and softened by the promises they made in thy name? The gospel is the work of thy divine knowledge; engrave then on my heart these heavenly truths, which bear along with them the weight of thy divine authority. Let this sacred lamp enlighten and guide my steps in the paths of justice, and remind me incessantly of what Moses formerly said to the Jews: *This is what the Lord sayeth—this is what he commandeth you—this is what he forbiddeth.*

O holy laws! O sublime and salutary maxims of God! alas! how often have I violated them?

but, O God of truth, in uniting thyself to me, thou wilt grant me the grace to comprehend, and strength to practise thy holy precepts. *Amen.*

AT THE CREED.

Make an Act of Faith of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

I not only believe, O Lord, that thou existest in three distinct persons, who, notwithstanding their distinction, are only one invisible substance; but I also believe that thou art here really present, to give thyself to me. I believe that thou renewest in this sacrament of thy body and blood, the same mysteries that I read in thy gospel; I find in it again the mystery of thy birth, in seeing thee on the altar, as newly born, and wrapped up in swaddling clothes, little known, except by the heavenly spirits and the humble;—the mystery of thy life, in seeing thee deserted and forgotten;—the mystery of thy death, in seeing thee sacrificed every day upon this altar, as thou wast upon the cross;—the mystery of thy interment, in seeing thee buried in the tabernacle as within a tomb;—and the mystery of thy resurrection, in seeing thee feed men with thy glorious flesh, which is freed for ever from the empire of death. I no longer, then, envy the happiness of those who saw thee during the course of thy mortal life; I neither feel the concern nor impatience of those kings and prophets who longed so much to behold thee—faith here discloses to me all that the kings and prophets wished with so much eagerness to behold.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

Offer yourself to God, and beg that he would make you a perfect Christian.

What the priest offers thee, O Lord, is now only a terrestrial substance; but, by the virtue of thy word, it will shortly become the body of Jesus Christ. O all-powerful God, I offer thee my heart, I offer thee my soul,—I put both into thy hands; be pleased therefore to change, transform, and consecrate them. Say but the word, and I shall be sanctified; renew again thy image that has been so often debased by sin; change my wicked inclinations into virtuous dispositions. Destroy,—annihilate the man of sin within me, as quickly as thou art about to destroy these substances of bread and wine, of which no more will shortly remain than the sensible appearances. O may I, by my fidelity in corresponding with thy grace, suddenly become a heavenly creature, one worthy of possessing thee on earth, and of reigning eternally with thee in heaven.

AT THE LAVABO.

Beg of God the requisite purity to communicate worthily.

O pure and holy God, who heretofore saidst to one of thy disciples, *If I do not wash thee, thou shalt have no share with me*, pour now upon me the salutary effusions of thy grace, which cleanses and purifies our souls. I am about to present myself at thy sacred table, and shall presently partake of that bread of life which ought only to be the food of the children of thy kingdom; that

hidden manna which is only promised to those who overcome the world. Am I of the happy number of those who have vanquished it? Alas! on the contrary, I have been so unfortunate as to yield to its empire. Deface, then, O Lord, effectually these shameful defects wherewith it has defiled my heart; suffer me not to perish with the impious, although I have not walked in innocency, but deliver me from my iniquities.

AT THE PREFACE.

Join with the Saints and Angels in doing Homage to Jesus Christ.

What do I hear?—It is the voice of thy minister, who exhorts me to forget the earth, and to raise up my mind and heart to heaven. What is it that I there behold?—O great God! the angels who adore thee, the heavenly powers who abase themselves before thee, the pure souls who contemplate, love, and admire thee, and whose delight is to dwell with thee. Ah! how profoundly ought I to humble myself at this sight;—What! shall I receive this same God who reigns in heaven with so much glory? Ah, Lord! though I am unworthy to unite my voice to the canticles of thy saints, yet thou hast given me permission to solicit their intercession to procure thy help to my weak endeavours. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! the heavens echo thy praises, the universe is filled with thy glory. Thou art going to descend on me, and to unite thyself to me. Although my sins and ingratitude have rendered me unworthy

of so great a favor, yet thou art about to communicate to me the plenitude of thy divine nature.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CANNON.

My Prayers, O my God, ought never to be more fervent, more extensive, or more agreeable in thy eyes, than at the moment when I am at the point of receiving thee, the sovereign dispenser of all graces. Propitious God! graciously hear my prayer. Bless thy holy church to which thou hast united me by the grace of baptism, and which now opens to me its treasures, in giving me the body and blood of its divine spouse. Bless the Pope, bishops, and priests; diffuse a spirit of zeal and sanctity on those thou hast called to the sacred ministry; support in them a purity of faith, and make me always docile to their instructions. O my God, look down with the eyes of mercy upon this kingdom; bless, direct, and preserve our Queen, her royal family, the members of her parliament, her counsellors, and magistrates. Cast a favorable look on the faithful, who assist with me at this holy sacrifice; support the weak—comfort the poor and afflicted—convert sinners—give light to the blind—and reclaim those who are hardened in sin. I offer thee, O Lord, my prayers for all mankind, because I know that thou art our God, and that thou wouldst unite us in one body, and animate us with the same spirit.

AT THE ELEVATION.

Adore Jesus Christ really present in the Eucharist.

Here I find my Saviour and my God, though hidden, that he may not dazzle me with the bright-

ness of his glory. What appears is no more. The terrestrial substances are destroyed, and replaced by the adorable flesh of my Saviour. The words of consecration have, in an instant, wrought this wonderful change!—Yes, it is the King of heaven! it is the King of the world! the Ruler of nations! who lies concealed under these appearances. *Come, then, let us adore the Lord, and fall down before him. Let us bend our knees before the Lord that made us, for he is our God, and we are his people.*

O Sovereign of all nature, I adore thee, and think myself obliged to humble myself in thy presence; as the more I am moved at the favor thou dost me in giving me thyself, the more I am astonished at the honor paid me in receiving into my breast, him, before whom all knees bend, in heaven, on earth, and in hell. The heavens are open! the Holy of Holies has descended upon the earth! An altar is now the throne whereon the Most High presides! The angels surround him, and, with the most lively sentiments of respect and love, make him amends for the contempt, forgetfulness, and indifference of men. What dost thou, O Lord, whilst those sublime intelligences prostrate themselves before thee? Thou thinkest of my salvation; thou offerest thyself to thy Father as a victim of propitiation for the sins of the living and the dead; thou burnest with a desire of uniting thyself to me; thou invitest me tenderly to open my heart to thee. O King of glory! why dost thou thus pursue so vile a creature? What could have urged thy eagerness to seek me? Alas! I have a thousand times made myself unworthy of

thy love by my sins ; but—what do I say ? art thou not here to blot them out ? Dost thou not offer thyself to the divine justice as a victim for the redemption of sinners ? O God ! look upon thy Christ. Of myself I have not the means to appease or satisfy thy justice, but I do not come alone to the throne of thy grace ; I offer thee, in union with myself, thy beloved Son. If thou seest nothing in me but the image of sin, thou wilt find in him the most pure and perfect sanctity. Behold then this spotless Lamb sacrificed upon this altar. Hear the voice of the precious blood he sheds on me to purify me ; for it is through him that I shall become worthy to unite myself to thee. It is after having offered him to thee as a victim, that I shall be inspired with the confidence of receiving him as my food.

AT THE PATER NOSTER.

Apply to communion the seven petitions of the Our Father.

O my Father, whose reign is in heaven, come and reign also in my soul. Sanctify it by thy presence. Subject it to thy will, and render it pliant and docile to the inspirations of thy grace. Nourish it this day with that mysterious bread which assuages its hunger, and preserves its health and strength. Root out of my heart all sentiments of hatred and revenge, and forgive me as I forgive others. Give me that wisdom which avoids temptations, and that strength which renders me victorious when they are inevitable. Deliver me from all those evils which oppress me, and give me so much uneasiness—I come to thee as a child to his

father, to be fed ; as a guilty servant, to be reconciled to his master ; as a subject, to be protected by his king ; as an afflicted person who flies for consolation to the genuine source of true comfort.

AT THE AGNUS DEI.

Lamb of God, pure and spotless victim, who takest away the sins of the world, and who alone canst satisfy the justice of an offended God, suffer me to partake of the merits of thy sacrifice and of thy innocence. Oh, what lessons of humility, patience, meekness, and charity, dost thou not give me ! Imprint these virtues in my soul, that it may become an agreeable abode for thee, where thou mayest be able to repose as in a residence of the most perfect peace.

AT THE PRIEST'S COMMUNION.

Alas ! how shall I presume to receive my Lord and my God, my Spouse, my Judge, my Father, my Friend, and my All ? Ought I not rather to be terrified at his grandeur, and humbled at my own unworthiness and baseness ? Inspire me, therefore, O Lord, with those sentiments of humility, fervour, and love, which I ought to have in approaching so holy and tremendous a mystery. Speak only one word of salvation to my soul ; and since thou art so good as to unite thyself to me, prepare me for the honor thou designest to confer on me.

Preparative Points to be meditated upon.

Noah was a hundred years in preparing the ark to save himself from the flood, and yet I, unhappy

sinner, scarce take pains one hour to prepare myself to receive my Redeemer, that I may be safe from eternal misery.

Moses made an ark of incorruptible wood, and gilt it all over for keeping the manna; and do I presume to place the true manna, of which the other was but a figure, in my breast, whilst it is corrupted with sin, and void of the ornament of virtue and a good life?

Solomon was seven years in building the Temple, and preparing a habitation for Almighty God, whereas I scarce set apart half an hour to prepare the temple of my heart, that the same God may make his abode in it.

Receiving, say with the Priest thrice,

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter into my house; but only speak the word, and my soul shall be healed.

The behaviour of the body in receiving the blessed Sacrament.

Let the hands, being covered with the towel, be held as high as the breast; the head conveniently lifted up, that, without difficulty, the mouth may be reached; the eyes shut, or reverently bent downward; the lips altogether unmoved, moderately open, and not gaping.

2. Let the tongue touch the inner side of the lip, to receive the Host, and bring it into the mouth; which, being reverently held on the tongue, till it be moistened, is to be let down into the stomach without chewing, or raising it to the roof of the mouth.

3. *Let the whole body be erect, without any motion or sighing, knocking the breast, or vocal prayer; to prevent all irreverent touching the teeth or lips with the sacred Host.*

4. *After receiving, return devoutly to your prayers, and, for about a quarter of an hour, remain in the chapel, and refrain from spitting if you can.*

AT THE LAST GOSPEL.

O word made flesh ! how hast thou hidden and annihilated thyself to become the food of my soul ! Thou art the life and light of the world ; enlighten me, therefore, and disclose to me thy dignity and thy charms. May the most profound sentiments of respect, admiration, love, and gratitude, crowd into, and penetrate my mind. To communicate is to receive a God ! Oh, how ought I not then to be struck and moved at so holy and tremendous an action ? Those who receive him become his children. Oh, what a privilege ! what a happiness ! what a glory ! They are united to a God who is full of grace and truth. O moving grace ! O divine truth ! august dignity of the children of God ! they are become children of grace and truth. What strength ! what light ! what exaltation ! in a sacrament which unites man to God ! But I lose myself, O Lord, I forget myself in the depth of thy mysteries, and in the immense ocean of thy mercies. I will keep close to thee by the bonds of love, which is the only sentiment that can correspond with thy favors.

Prayers after Communion

I give thee thanks, eternal Father, for that of thy pure mercy, without any deserts of mine, thou hast been pleased to feed my sou^l with the body and blood of thy only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And I beseech thee, that this holy communion may not be to my condemnation, but an effectual remission of all my sins. May it strengthen my faith, encourage me in all that is good, deliver me from all my vicious customs, remove all concupiscence, perfect me in charity and patience, in humility and obedience, and all other virtues. May it secure me against all the snares of my enemies, visible or invisible; prudently moderate my inclinations, both carnal and spiritual; closely unite me to thee the only and true God, and happily settle me in unchangeable bliss. And now I make it my hearty request, that thou wilt one day admit me (though an unworthy sinner) to be a guest at that divine banquet, where thou, and thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art the true light, eternal fulness, everlasting joy, and perfect happiness of all the saints; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Another.

Wound now, dear Jesus, my heart, and all that is within me, with thy love, and perfect charity, that my sou^l may languish and melt away with the desires of thee; may all my affections be fixed on thee, the eternal God; may my thoughts ever dwell in the mansions of happiness, and my soul now long to *be dissolved*, and be with thee. Grant

O my God, that my heart may now ever hunger after thee, the bread of angels, the banquet of blessed souls, our daily and divine bread, abounding in all sweetness that can possibly delight the taste. May my soul now delight and feed on thee, who art the bliss of angels. May my soul ever thirst after thee the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of divine pleasure, and fulness of the house of God; may it ever desire thee, seek thee, find thee, and go on till it happily comes to thy presence! May its thoughts be always on thee; of thee may it speak, and perform all its actions to the praise and glory of thy name; and this with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and so persevere until the end. Thus mayest thou alone be my hope, my strength, my treasure, my peace, my food, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion and possession, in whom my thoughts and heart may be ever fixed, so that it be not in the power of any creature to divide me from thee.

An Act of Praise and Adoration.

Be thou blessed, O my God, for the many favors thou hast now bestowed on me, and for all the blessings with which thou hast enriched my soul; after the great miseries and wants which I suffered, when by my pleasures and passions I had departed from thee. Was I not most miserably blind, when I sought content and happiness out of thee, when by my follies, neglects, and indevotions, I removed myself to a distance from thee? But thy goodness was such, that it withdrew me from the precipice,

whither I was running ; enlightening me with thy rays, and calling me back to thee by thy grace. Thou hast pardoned me all my sins ; and for the accomplishment of all these favors, thou hast now come to visit me, that thou mayest for ever abide with me, and I with thee. O my God, be thou blessed for all these infinite mercies. Bless the Lord, O my soul ! and let all that is within me praise and magnify his holy name. Bless the Lord, and see thou forget not the favours he has now done for thee ; thy Lord, my soul, who hath pardoned thee all thy offences, and cured thy infirmities : who hath preserved thee from death, and crowned thee with the effects of his bounty : who hath satisfied thy hunger with good things, and replenished thee with all the blessings thou couldst desire. Oughtest not thou to resolve on a change of life, and, renewing thy forces, grow young like an eagle, in the service of thy God ? May thy grace then, O Lord, be ever assisting me ; for the experience of my own weakness makes me fearful of myself ; and if thou supportest me not, shall I not most certainly fall again ? Be thou therefore my shield and defence ; and for this end give me a firm and constant faith ; augment and strengthen it, not only in respect of this mystery, but also in regard of all other christian truths and principles of eternal life ; that, by the help of this faith, I may overcome all difficulties that shall meet me in my journey to the state of bliss ; for it is by such a faith, those, who for my example are gone before me, have triumphed over their enemies, have done justice, and obtained the promises.

Of Hope.

I adore thee, O infinite greatness, O divine Majesty, who fillest both heaven and earth, and art adored by all the blessed spirits, angels, and saints, who, without ceasing, praise and cry out before thee *holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth*. How is it possible thou shouldst stoop so low, as to come to me the most unworthy of all thy servants, and desire to dwell within me? If the heavens, and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, how much less this habitation which I have prepared for thee? But thy goodness, O great God, knows well how to humble itself, when it is for our good? Thou knowest how to conceal the dazzling splendours of thy glory, and condescend to our weak capacity, that so thou mayest communicate thyself more freely to us. This thou didst begin to do in thy adorable incarnation, in which thou madest thyself like to us, so the more forcibly to draw our love to thee; and this method thou continuest in this mystery, in which thou givest thyself to us for the food and nourishment of our souls; thus more closely to unite us to thyself and make us aspire to the celestial banquet thou hast made for the blessed in heaven. O God, grant me thy grace, that I may daily more and more long after this eternal banquet, that the desire of enjoying it may make me despise all the goods and pleasures of this life, and labour continually to prepare myself, till I be happily admitted amongst thy guests. I have one resolution, which at present I here make before thee, and it

is, to renounce all whatsoever my irregular and corrupt affections incline me to. I confess they often press me to forsake the way of thy commandments, and put me in danger of losing all right to eternal happiness; but behold, I now desire to disengage my heart from them, that I may love thee alone, and place my whole trust in thee. For this end, I firmly resolve to watch over all my actions, fly from sin, and avoid whatever may be displeasing to thee, I will labour to work out my salvation by keeping thy precepts; and as I resolve, so I hope to be faithful to thee. But this resolution I acknowledge I am not able to perform without the help of thy grace; and therefore I most humbly beg it of thee. O Jesus, save me: carry me through the ways of thy commandments, which I now begin and undertake with all my heart. Incline my heart to make me love thy divine truths; divert my eyes, that they may not see vanity; enliven and strengthen me in the path of virtue and good works, and powerfully draw me to thee, that so I may follow thee as far as heaven, where thou livest and reignest for all eternity.

Of Love.

O my God, what return shall I make thee for this so signal a favor, and what shall I do to acknowledge it as it deserves. Is it possible I should not continually love thee, after this excess of love, which thou hast shown me? Thou hast loved me to that degree, as to lay down thy life for my sake; and shall not I make this return, at least, only to live for thee? Thou hast communicated thyself

at present wholly to me, and shall not I from henceforth be wholly thine? Permit me not, O God, to be ungrateful, or insensible of this thy love and my own salvation. I protest, therefore, before thee, that for the future I will be faithful to thee, and never depart from thee by any disobedience to thy law. I will never forget thy bounty, nor the favor thou hast done me, in admitting me to partake of thy mercy. I will love thee with all my heart, my God, my Saviour, my strength, my support, my refuge, and my deliverer. Thou art my God, and my all. What is there in heaven or earth I shou'd love besides thee? Thou art the God of my heart, the inheritance and only happiness I pretend to: I have made choice of thee, and nothing can prevail on me to make a change.

An Oblation.

What shall I give thee, O my Saviour, as an earnest of that love which I have here now engaged to thee? I have nothing worthy of thee; and, if I had, I have nothing but what is thine on several accounts; but such is thy goodness, that thou art willing to accept from us what is thine already. Wherefore behold I here offer myself to thee, my body and soul, which are now sanctified by the honour of thy divine presence: I consecrate them both to thee for ever, since at present thou hast chosen them to be thy temple; my body to be employed in thy service, and never more to be an instrument of sin; my soul to know thee, to love thee, and evermore be faithful to thee. Bless, O Lord, the present I here make thee: bless, O Lord,

this house : permit not that my body be any more defiled with sensual delights, nor my soul, by a will, to commit any mortal sin. For my part, I here resolve to serve thee with body and soul ; I will take pains to correct their evil inclinations ; I will fight against myself, renounce my wonted pleasures, my delights, my passions, my concupiscence, my anger, my pride, my self love, my own will, and, lastly, whatever may offend thee, O God.

A Prayer.

Preserve for ever in my soul, O Lord God, this holy resolution thou hast here given me, and grant me grace faithfully to put it into execution. I can do nothing of himself, without thy assistance : I therefore beg it of thee with all my heart, that I may conquer all the difficulties I shall meet with in the way of my salvation. Regard me with the eyes of mercy, have compassion on my weakness, and strengthen me daily with thy grace. Glorious Virgin, join with me in giving thanks to thy beloved Son, who has refreshed my soul with the banquet of his own most precious blood, and restored me to his grace. Offer him all the grateful service thou didst in thy life, to supply the defects in my devotion ; and obtain of him that he depart not from me, without leaving a large benediction behind him for my soul. Holy angels, ministering spirits of God, behold the Son of the eternal Father, whom you adored at his entrance into the world ; become now petitioners for me, that I may from henceforth serve him with the same spirit and truth, as you did while he was yet on earth,

and with the same cheerfulness as you now do in his celestial kingdom. All ye men, and women, saints of God, see here within my breast your Lord, the beginning and reward of all your goodness and happiness; and let now your prayers accompany mine to his throne: that by his grace I may follow your steps in the exact performance of every duty, till, abounding in good works, I may at length be admitted into your company, and possess my Jesus for all eternity.

The Conclusion.

Graciously hear all my prayers, O good Jesus, hide me within thy wounds, and there shelter me from all my enemies; let nothing divide me from thee: call me at the hour of my death, and command me to come to thee, that with thy saints I may praise thee for ever. And now, Lord Jesus, I go from thee for a while, but I hope not without thee, my comfort, my happiness, and all the good of my soul. To thy love and protection I recommend myself, as likewise my brethren and relations, my country, my friends, and my enemies. Love us, O Lord, change our hearts, and transform us into thee. May I be wholly employed in thee and for thee, and may thy love be the end of all my works, of all my thoughts and actions, who livest and reignest for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Deus! ego amo te.

I love thee, O my God and Lord!
And not for hope of thy reward,
Of bliss above;

And not for fear of endless woes,
 And endless torment due to those
 Who slight thy love.

Didst thou for me the cross embrace ?
 Alas ! the shame, the sore disgrace
 I brought on thee !

Oh lance ! Oh nails ! Oh thorny wreath !
 Oh cruel pains endured till death !
 And all for me !

Then why not love thee from my heart ?
 Why, Jesus, not love thee, who art
 All love for me.

And not for hope of endless joys,
 Or fear of endless miseries,
 But all for thee.

'Twas love, O Saviour, made thee mine,
 And love alone can make me thine.

Then, Jesus, then,
 Thee will I love, and thee adore,
 My King, my God, for evermore,
 Amen, Amen.

A PRAYER

*For the whole state of Christ's church upon earth, and all
 the intentions of the Indulgence.*

O eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 Creator of all things, visible and invisible, Source
 of all our good ; infinitely good in thyself, and
 infinitely gracious, bountiful, and good to us ! be-
 hold we thy poor servants, the work of thy hands,
 redeemed by the blood of thy only Son, come, in
 answer to his summons by his vicegerent, to pre-

sent ourselves, as humble petitioners, before the throne of thy mercy : we come all in a body at this time, even all thy people upon earth ; and we come in communion with all thy church in heaven, hoping to be assisted by their prayers and merits ; and with Jesus Christ at our head, our High Priest and Mediator, in whose precious blood we put all our trust. We prostrate ourselves here before thee, and most humbly beseech thee to sanctify thy own most holy name, by sanctifying and exalting thy holy catholic church throughout the whole world. O eternal King, who hast sent thy only Son down from thy throne above, into this earth of ours, to establish a kingdom here amongst us, from whence we might hereafter be translated to thy eternal kingdom : look down, we beseech thee, upon this kingdom of thy Son, and propagate it through all nations, and through all hearts. Sanctify it in all truth ; maintain it in peace, unity, and holiness. Give to it saints for its rulers, its chief pastor, and all its other prelates ; enlighten them with all heavenly wisdom, and make them all men according to thy own heart. Give thy grace and blessing to all the clergy ; and send amongst them that heavenly fire, which thy Son came to *cast on the earth*, and which he so earnestly desired should *be enkindled*. Assist and protect all apostolical missionaries, that they may zealously and effectually promote thy glory, and the salvation of souls redeemed by the blood of thy Son. Sanctify all religious men and women of all orders : give them the grace to serve thee with all perfection, according to the spirit of their

institute, and to shine like lights to the rest of the faithful. Have mercy on all christian princes ; grant them those lights and graces that are necessary for the perfect discharge of their duty to thee and to their subjects ; that they may be true servants to thee, the King of Kings, true fathers to their people, and nursing fathers to thy church. Have mercy on all magistrates and men in power ; that they may all fear thee, love thee, and serve thee ; and ever remember that they are thy deputies, and ministers of thy justice. Have mercy on all thy people throughout the world ; and give thy blessing to thy inheritance : remember thy congregation, which thou hast possessed from the beginning ; and give thy grace to all thy children here upon earth, that they may do thy holy will in all things, even as the blessed do in heaven.

Extend thy mercy also to all poor infidels, that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death : to all those nations that know not thee, and that have not yet received the faith and law of thy Son their Saviour ; to all Pagans, Mahometans, and Jews. Remember, O Lord, that all these poor souls are made after thy own image and likeness, and redeemed by the blood of thy Son. O let not satan any longer exercise his tyranny over these thy creatures, to the great dishonor of thy name. Let not the precious blood of thy Son be shed for them in vain. Send among them zealous preachers and apostolic labourers, endued with the like graces and gifts as thy apostles were, and bless them with the like success, for the glory of thy name ; that

all these poor souls may be brought to know thee, love thee, and serve thee here in thy church, and bless thee hereafter for all eternity.

Look down also with an eye of pity and compassion on all those deluded souls, who, under the name of christians, have gone away from the paths of truth and unity, and from the one fold of the one Shepherd, thy only Son Jesus Christ, into the by-paths of error and schism. O bring them back to thee and to thy church. Dispel their darkness by thy heavenly light, take off the veil from before their eyes, with which the common enemy has blindfolded them: let them see how they have been misled by misapprehensions and misrepresentations. Remove the prejudices of their education: take away from them the spirit of obstinacy, pride, and self-conceit. Give them an humble and docible heart. Give them a strong desire of finding out thy truth, and a strong grace to enable them to embrace it, in spite of all the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the devil. For why should these poor souls perish, for which Christ died? why should satan any longer possess these souls, which by their baptism were dedicated to thee, to be thy eternal temple?

O Father of lights, and God of all truth, purge the whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions and vices. Beat down the standard of satan, and set up every where the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of sin, and establish the kingdom of grace in all hearts. Let humility triumph over pride and ambition: Charity over hatred, envy and

malice : Purity and temperance over lust and excess : Meekness over passion : and disinterestedness and poverty of spirit over covetousness and love of this perishable world. Let the gospel of Jesus Christ, both in its belief and practice, prevail throughout all the universe.

Grant to us thy peace, O Lord, in the days of our mortality, even that peace which thy Son bequeathed as a legacy to his disciples ; a perpetual peace with thee ; a perpetual peace with one another ; and a perpetual peace within ourselves. Grant that all christian princes and states may love, cherish, and maintain an inviolable peace among themselves. Give them a right sense of the dreadful evils that attend on wars. Give them an everlasting horror of all that bloodshed, of the devastations and ruin of so many territories ; of the innumerable sacrileges ; and the eternal loss of so many thousand souls, as are the dismal consequences of war. Turn their hearts to another kind of warfare : teach them to fight for a heavenly kingdom.

Remove, O Lord, thy wrath, which we have reason to apprehend actually hanging over our heads for our sins. Deliver all christian people from the dreadful evil of mortal sin : make all sinners sensible of their misery ; give them the grace of a sincere conversion to thee, and a truly penitential spirit ; and discharge them from all their bonds. Preserve all *Christendom*, and in particular this nation, from all the evils that threaten impenitent sinners, such as plagues, famines,

earthquakes, fires, inundations, mortality of cattle, sudden and unprovided death, and thy many other judgments here, and eternal damnation hereafter. Comfort all that are under any affliction, sickness, or violence of pain: support all that are under temptation: reconcile all that are at variance: deliver all that are in slavery or captivity; defend all that are in danger: grant a relief to all in their respective necessities: give a happy passage to all that are in their agony. Grant thy blessing to our friends and benefactors, and to all those for whom we are particularly bound to pray; and have mercy on all our enemies. Give eternal rest to all the faithful departed; and bring us all to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen.*

PRAYERS WHICH MAY BE RECITED BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

O sweet Jesus, saviour of the world, who by an excess of the most wonderful love, hast been pleased to remain with us in the holy sacrament of the altar! we here acknowledge thee as our Lord and our God; we here adore thee with the most profound humility, and return thee our most hearty thanks for that infinite love which thou hast shewed to us, notwithstanding the unworthy treatment which thou hast so often received from us in this mystery. Pained with grief at the sight of our ingratitude, we now come, O God of majesty, to make thee a solemn and public reparation for all the profanations, sacrileges, and impieties which we have committed against this adorable sacrament. Forget, O Lord, our iniquities, and only

remember thy ancient mercies. Accept of the sincere desire which we have to honor thee, and see thee honored in this wonderful mystery. O Jesus ! we conjure thee, by thy adorable body and thy precious blood, before which we humbly prostrate ourselves, that from henceforth we may so devoutly adore and so worthily receive thee in this holy Sacrament, that, after our death, we may be found worthy to glorify thee with thy elect eternally in heaven. *Amen.*

A Hymn to Jesus Christ.

O Jesus, name to memory dear,
Embalmed with many a grateful tear !
The thoughts of thee with sweets my bosom fill ;
But Oh ! thy presence is far sweeter still.

No sound in heaven or earth is heard
So sweet as that melodious word,
That sweetest charm by which all hearts are won,
The name of Jesus, God's eternal Son.

O Glorious day-spring, heavenly morn,
Of Sinners desolute, forlorn !
To seek thee, Jesus, is a sweet employ ;
But Oh ! to find thee, who can tell the joy ?

Jesus, true sweetness and delight,
The living fount of mental light,
Filling the bosoms that in thee believe
With joys no tongue can tell, no thoughts conceive !

Alas ! how languid and how faint
Is eloquence thy sweets to paint ?
'Tis he that tastes thee who alone can know
What streams of joy the raptured soul o'erflow.

O Source of bliss ! with me remain,
 Sole monarch of my bosom reign ;
 And whilst all tongues thy heavenly deeds proclaim,
 Shed o'er the world the sweetness of thy name.

This anthem, O celestial King,
 With heart devout to thee I sing,
 That when death spreads around its gloomy shade,
 My sou^l, sweet Jesus, may obtain thy aid.

*Acts of Faith, Adoration, and Love of Jesus Christ, in
 the Blessed Sacrament.*

O Lamb of God ! O God of Love ! Adored by
 all the Heav'ly Host on thy eternal throne of
 glory. With Angels and Archangels, with all thy
 Saints and a^l thy faithfu^l, I *too* adore thee on this
 thy throne on earth.

O God of Love ! O Bread of Life !
 Adored by thy own Virgin Mother at thy birth ;
 Adored by the shepherds in the manger ;
 Adored by the wise men when they poured out
 their mystic offerings before thee ;
 I *too* adore thee, O Lamb of God ! O God of Love !

I acknowledge thee here present both in thy
 sacred humanity, and also in all the plenitude of
 that Divinity, which is not *more* disguised under
 these humble forms, then it was when veiled in
 infancy, and bound in swaddling clothes :

O God of Love ! O Bread of Life !
 Adored by the Angels who ministered to thee in
 the desert ;

Adored by that heavenly spirit who descended to strengthen thee in Gethsemane :

Adored by the penitent thief, when thy sorrows and humiliations were about to be consummated on Calvary ;

I *too* adore thee, O Lamb of God ! O God of Love !

I acknowledge thee here present both in thy sacred humanity, and also in all the plenitude of that Divinity, which is not *more* obscured under those humble veils, that it was when fasting, when in agony, and in death :

O God of Love ! O Bread of Life !

Thou art the Tree of Life growing in the very midst of us ; that restored to us our Eden privileges ; and now unmenaced by the “ flaming sword,” we may put forth our hand, eat of thy fruit, and live for ever.

Thou art the Bread which the Lord hath given us to eat ; thou art the Manna rained down from heaven upon this wilderness, that we may go forth every day and gather thee !

Thou art the *Bread of Proposition*, appearing always for us before the Lord as our continual Sacrifice, and offering up the sweet incense of thy intercession to the Eternal Father !

And shall I envy then the happiness of thy own Virgin Mother when she *first* clasped thee in silent rapture to her breast ?

Ah ! no, for in thy Sacrament of Love, we are *all* in some sort partakers of her mysterious bliss ;

O Virgin Born ! O Bread of Life !

And shall I envy Simeon's transports, when, having received thee in his arms, he felt that he could live no longer ?

Ah ! no, for not more really didst thou bless the arms of Simeon, than thou bestowest thyself on *me* :

O Light that enlightenest the Gentiles !

O Glory of thy people Israel !

And shall I envy the happiness of Bethania's roof where thou didst love to dwell ?

Ah ! no, for thou vouchsafest still to be the guest of a poor sinner :

O Lamb of God ! O God of Love !

And shall I envy Martha serving thee with holy zeal ; or yet more Mary sitting at thy Sacred feet and listening to thy words !

Ah ! no, for in this mystery of Love, thy sacred voice still speaks it to my heart :

Incarnate Word of God !

And shall I envy the Leper the rapture of that moment when he beheld thy compassionate hand outstretched to heal him ?

Ah ! no, for thy almighty hand is no less present here, and thou, who "*canst, wilt* make me clean :

O tender Physician of my soul !

And shall I envy the woman in the Gospel *that* "virtue" that went from thee and healed her as soon as she had touched but the hem of thy sacred robe ?

Ah! no, for thou art surely here, and the same virtue goeth forth from thee to heal me and to sanctify me:

O body and blood of Jesus!

And shall I envy those little ones, their bliss, when thou didst take them up in thy arms and bless them?

Ah! no, for thou still waitest to be gracious to thy children, and still showerest down thy blessings on all child-like souls:

O Father of the world to come!

And shall I envy the feelings which glowed in thy Apostles' breasts when beholding thy glory on Mount Thabor, they exclaimed, "*It is good to be here.*"

Ah! no, for I enjoy the realisation of Peter's wish, and I may live under the shade of this holy Tabernacle which thou, whose delight is to be with the children of men, hast established in the very midst of us.

Beloved Son of God!

And shall I envy Magdalen, clasping thy sacred feet, and suffered to weep forth her tears of sorrow there?

Ah! no, for *I* may here fall down before thee too, and weep and mourn, that I can neither weep nor love like her:

O Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world!

And shall I envy thy beloved Disciple those moments of unutterable matchless happiness, when he leaned upon thy sacred breast?

Ah! no, for was he even *then* more intimately united to thee, than the soul on which thou deignest to bestow thyself in this mystery of Love:

O God of Love! O Bread of Life!

And shall I envy the privileges of thy Apostle Thomas, and the full persuasion of once more possessing thee with which, in rapture, he exclaimed, "*My Lord and my God?*"

Ah! no, for I aspire after the still greater blessing pronounced on those who "believe what they have not seen;" and *I too* possess thee, and adore thee under these Sacramental veils:

My Lord! and my God!

PRAYER.

Almighty Saviour of the world, who in this mystery so Divine, so dear to our hearts, bestowest *thy very self* upon us; and with a love surpassing that of the tenderest Mother, dost nourish our souls with thy own sacred Substance: O bring, vouchsafe to bring into subjection to thy sweet Yoke, every proud thought, and every unbelieving heart! The natural eye, it is true, cannot see thee; nor can the natural ear hear thee; but the Eye of Faith, piercing through these lowly veils, beholds thy arms outstretched to welcome us; and in the Ear of Faith the sound of thy Almighty voice is heard proclaiming still,

This is my body!

This is my Blood!

PANGE LINGUA.

Let every tongue sing far and wide,
That blest, that sacred food ;
The flesh and blood of HIM who died
A victim on the rood :
Mysterious banquet ; feast of love !
Best gift to man from God above.
Of virgin born, on earth he sowed
The seeds of truth divine ;
Then to his own himself bestowed
In form of bread and wine :
And thus the living bread from heaven
True source of life to man was given.
His hour had come. At table sate
The Saviour with his band ;
The Paschal Lamb in form they ate,
As Moses gave command ;
And then to human kind left he
This heavenly food for legacy.
O Word Incarnate ! at thy word
Changed are the bread and wine,
The wine becomes thy blood, O Lord,
The bread thy flesh divine :
Thrice blessed change ! unseen by sense,
But wrought by God's omnipotence !

Tantum ergo.

Bow then the knee, and bow the heart
To this our passover ;
Rent is the veil, and types depart,
For God himself is here :

Nor let proud doubt the mind deceive,
 “Happy who see not, yet believe.”

For this sure earnest of thy love,
 This saving sacred boon :
 To thee, Great God, who reign’st above,
 Mysterious Three in One :
 Be honor, praise, and and glory given
 By all on earth and all in heaven.—*Amen.*

THE HYMN—*Lauda Sion.*

Sion, rejoice ! in tuneful lays,
 Thy Saviour’s, Guide’s, and Shepherd’s praise
 In grateful theme rehearse.
 A boundless subject strikes the mind,
 By words, by actions unconfined,
 Above all powers of verse.

This day the sacred rites proclaim
 Life’s Author, who from heaven came
 To be the food of man,
 Which, on the last and solemn eve,
 He bade the chosen twelve receive ;
 The Wonder thus began.

Again, again, awake the Lyre,
 The Organ’s breath again inspire,
 Till all with joy rebound.
 The mystic cup, the annual feast,
 A God the food, and man the guest,
 Call forth each cheerful sound.

This banquet of the heavenly King,
 This new passover’s better thing,
 Of ancient types take place :

The dawn of morn dispels the night,
And shadows vanish at the light,
And truth makes figures cease.

What Jesus here, our chief, ordains,
The priestly order still retains,
And offers in his name.
Injoined by institutes divine,
We bless the bread, we bless the wine ;
The sacrifice the same.

The bread, by his almighty word,
Becomes his flesh, the wine his blood :
This truth the scriptures teach.
If feeble sense withdraw her ray,
Unerring faith points out the way,
Beyond all nature's reach.

Under each form of wine and bread,
(The form preserved, the substance fled.)
Concealed the wonder lies.
A Saviour under each conveyed,
In truth and power divine arrayed,
Is hid from human eyes.

His saving flesh, his cleansing blood,
Becomes, to man, life-giving food,
No change or loss sustains :
What one receives, a thousand take,
And equally they all partake,
And yet the whole remains.

The good and bad together share,
With different lot, this heavenly fare,
Of life or death the cause :

It quickens those with vital breath,
But sinners dooms to endless death,
By just and sovereign laws.

But when the sacred host we break,
An emblem of Christ's real death,
In each divided part we take
His whole and undivided self.
This his all-knowing word revealed,
Nor has his church the truth concealed,
Where heaven-born faith prevails :
No breach the immortal Substance knows,
This change the symbol undergoes,
But not the God it veils.

Hail, bread of Angels ! now supplied,
Thro' Life's unhappy banishment !
To the profane a help denied,
And for the righteous only meant.
We see, in ancient types foretold,
And now th' amazing fact behold,
We see this sacrifice of Love,
When Abraham's son extended lies,
And the Passover victim dies,
And manna reigns from heaven above.

Gracious Jesus, food divine !
Preserve us, feed us, lest we stray ;
And through the lonely vale of time,
Conduct us to the realm of day.
Source of uncreated light,
Matchless goodness, boundless might,
Fed by thy care, thy bounty blest,

Hereafter give thy flock a place
Among thy guests, a chosen race,
The heirs of everlasting rest.

PRAYER.

O divine Saviour of our Souls, who hast graciously been pleased to leave us thy precious body and blood in the most holy sacrament of the altar, we here adore thee with the most profound respect, and return thee our most humble thanks for all the graces, which, by this mystery thou hast communicated to us. Thou art the great source of every good gift: shower down then this day, we beseech thee, thy benediction upon all us here present, and upon thy whole church; and, that nothing may put a stop to the course of thy graces, take from our hearts whatever is displeasing to thee; pardon our sins, which for the love of thee we sincerely detest: purify our hearts and sanctify our souls. Bless us, O Jesus! with a blessing like to that with which thou didst bless thy disciples, when leaving this earth thou didst ascend into heaven. Bless us with a blessing which may change us, purify us and unite us perfectly to thee: which may fill us with thy spirit, and which may be to us, even in this life, an assured pledge of that benediction which thou hast prepared for thy elect in thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

AVE MARIS STELLA.

Hail! Queen of Heaven, the ocean star!
Guide of the wanderer here below,

Thrown on life's surge we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.

“Mother of Christ! Star of the Sea,
“Pray for the wanderers: pray for me.”

O pious, chaste, and clement maid!

We sinners make our prayer through thee:
Remind thy son that he has paid
The price of our iniquity.

“Virgin most pure! Star of the Sea,
“Pray for the Sinner: pray for me.”

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest Advocate, we cry;
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.

“Refuge in sorrow! Star of the Sea,
“Pray for the mourner: pray for me.”

And, while to him who reigns above,
In Godhead one, in persons three;
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee;

“Do thou, bright Queen! Star of the Sea,
“Pray for thy children: pray for me.”—

Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEVOTIONS FOR THE SICK.

1. If you are attacked by any considerable illness, let your first care be to send for a spiritual physician, and settle the state of your soul. This is much better done in the beginning of sickness than afterwards, when the strength of the fever or the quality of the remedies, may render a person

absolutely unfit for so great a work. Sickness is often sent for a punishment of sin, and therefore a sincere repentance and confession of sins is often more effectual means of recovery than any other.

2. If you have not your will already made, as a prudence you ought, let this also be done in the beginning of your sickness, that so having settled your temporal affairs, you may apply your soul, without disturbance, to the spiritual.

3. Engage your best friends to give you timely notice, if your distemper be dangerous, and not to flatter you with hopes of life, when there are little or no grounds for hope. Make the best use you can of that time, which, perhaps, is to be your last. Admit but few visits, nor any other discourse but such as may be for your soul's profit.

4. Take proper care for the discharge of your debts, and all other obligations incumbent upon you; and this, as much as may be, in the beginning also of your sickness; forgive all those who have any way injured you, and ask pardon of those you have injured.

5. Receive your sickness from the hand of God, with a perfect resignation to his holy will, as a just punishment of your offences; frequently offer yourself up to him, and beg that he would give you patience, and sanctify your sufferings, and that he would accept of all your pains and uneasiness, in union with the sufferings of your Saviour Jesus Christ, in deduction of the punishment due to your sins.

6. Often procure some friend to read to you such prayers as are most affecting, and most proper for your present condition ; especially the Penitential Psalms, the Litanies, Acts of the Love of God, of patience and resignation, &c.

7. Have the crucifix, or a picture of Christ crucified, always before your eyes ; think often upon his passion, hide yourself in spirit in his wounds, and embrace his feet with all the affections of your soul.

8. Aim, as much as you can, at a penitential spirit, during your sickness ; often cry to God for mercy, and make frequent acts of contrition for your sins. St. Augustine used to say, that no Christian, however innocent his life might have been, ought to venture to die in any other state than that of a penitent.

A Prayer proper to be daily repeated in time of sickness

Lord Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness with which thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from thy fatherly hand. It is thy will it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit : thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. May this sickness be to the honor of thy holy name, and for the good of my soul. For this end I here offer myself, with an entire submission to all thy appointments, to suffer whatever thou pleasest, as long as thou pleasest, and in what manner thou pleasest ; for I am thy creature, O Lord, who have most ungratefully offended thee ; and since my sins have a long time cried aloud to heaven for

justice, why shall I now complain, if I feel thy hand upon me? No, my God, thou art just in all thy ways; I have truly deserved thy punishment, and therefore I have no reason to complain of thee, but only of my own wickedness.

But rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath; but have regard to my weakness. Thou knowest how frail I am; that I am nothing but dust and ashes: deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, neither punish me according to my iniquities, but, according to the multitude of thy most tender mercies, have compassion on me. Oh! may thy justice be tempered with mercy, and thy heavenly grace come in to my assistance to support me under this my illness. Confirm my soul with strength from above, that I may bear, with a true christian patience, all the uneasiness, pains, disquiets, and difficulties of my sickness, and that I may cheerfully accept them as the just punishment of my offences: preserve me from all temptations, and be thou my defence against all the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may no way offend thee; and if this is to be my last, I beg of thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may no ways neglect or be deprived of those helps, which thou hast in thy mercy ordained for the good of my soul, to prepare it for its passage into eternity: that, being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, put my whole trust in thee, love thee above all things, and, through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee for ever. *Amen.*

Short acts of the most necessary virtues, proper to be inculcated in the time of sickness.

Lord, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and entirely resign myself to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will but thine be done : thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Lord, I submit to all the pains and uneasinesses of this my illness ; my sins have deserved infinitely more. Thou art just, O Lord, and thy judgment is right.

Lord, I offer up to thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion.

I adore thee, O my God, and my all, as my first beginning and my last end ; and I desire to pay thee the best homage I am able, and to bow down all the powers of my soul to thee.

Lord, I desire to praise thee for ever, in sickness as well as in health ; I desire to join my heart and my voice with the whole church of heaven and earth, in blessing thee for ever.

I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart, for all thy mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and thy whole church, through Jesus Christ thy Son ; and, above all, for thy having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with his precious blood. Oh ! let not that blood be shed for me in vain.

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which thou hast revealed, and which thy Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. Thou art the sove-

reign truth, who neither canst deceive, nor be deceived ; and thou hast promised the spirit of truth to guide thy church into all truth. *I believe in God the Father, &c.* In this faith I resolve, through thy grace, both to live and die. O Lord, strengthen and increase this my faith.

O my God, all my hopes are in thee ; and through Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and through his passion and death, I hope for mercy, grace, and salvation from thee. In thee, O Lord, I have put my trust, O let me never be confounded.

O sweet Jesus, receive me into thy arms in this day of my distress ; hide me in thy wounds, bathe my soul in thy precious blood.

I love thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things ; at least I desire so to love thee. O come now and take full possession of my whole soul, and teach me to love thee for ever.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

O ! when will thy kingdom come ? O Lord, when wilt thou perfectly reign in all hearts ? When shall sin be no more ?

I desire to embrace every neighbour with perfect charity for the love of thee. I forgive from my heart all that have any ways offended or injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have any ways offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy : and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out all my iniquities.

O ! who will give water to my head, and fountains of tears to my eyes, that night and day I may bewail all my sins.

O ! that I had never offended so good a God ! O that I had never sinned ! Happy those souls that always preserved their baptismal innocence.

Lord be merciful to me a sinner ; sweet Jesus Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I recommend my soul to God my Creator, who made me out of nothing ; to Jesus Christ my Saviour, who redeemed me with his precious blood ; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into thy hands, O Lord, I recommend my spirit.

I renounce, from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works, and I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. O ! suffer not O Lord, this mortal enemy of my soul to have any power over me, either now, or at my last hour. O let thy holy angels defend me from all the powers of darkness.

O holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. O all ye angels and saints of God, pray for me, a poor sinner.

It may be proper also in time of sickness to read to the sick person leisurely, and as he is able to bear it, the passion of Christ, or some meditation on his passion ; as also the paraphrase on the Lord's prayer, the *Miserere*, and the other penitential psalms ; devout acts of contrition, &c. ; but not too much at once ; for that might fatigue him, and do him much harm.

Prayer before Extreme Unction.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in the abundance of thy mercy hast provided powerful resources for the relief of all our necessities : grant me grace to have recourse to them with such worthy dispositions, that my soul may partake of all those great advantages and salutary effects which thou hast appointed. Thou hast instituted the Sacrament of extreme Unction for the benefit of the sick, who, in the extremity of life, stand in need of more graces, more helps, and more consolation than ever. I now desire to receive this heavenly medicine, for the ends for which it was instituted by thee. I am willing to be anointed, as thou hast commanded by thy apostle, *St. James*. Grant, I beseech thee, that this holy unction may produce in me all its happy fruits, by healing my soul from the ulcers of sin ;—by fortifying me against all temptations ; supporting me in the hour of anguish and distress ; and preparing me for a happy passage out of this life, or whatever may be thy holy will. Shouldst thou foresee my health to be conducive to thy greater glory, and expedient for my eternal salvation, let this sacrament prove the means to restore it. I submit myself absolutely to thy divine will. I wish not to live but to serve thee. Dispose of me as thou best knowest. Do with me as thou pleasest. All I desire is the accomplishment of thy holy will. Grant me health, or sickness ;—life, or death, or whatever thou pleasest : not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. The accomplishment of thy will is to me a greater

happiness than the enjoyment of ten thousand lives. O how happy should I be, if by the destruction of my body I could repair the injuries I have offered to thy divine Majesty ! My eyes, alas ! have seen vanities. My ears have been open to detraction and profane unprofitable discourses. My tongue has many ways offended thee both in speaking and tasting. My hands have contributed to many follies. My feet have often gone astray in the paths of vanity and sin. By this holy anointing, and the prayers of thy church, pardon, O Jesus, all the sins I have ever committed by these my five corporeal senses. Those avenues, through which sin has made its way into my soul, shall be now shut to the world. My eyes shall be open to thee alone, O Jesus, and my ears shall be attentive to thy commands. My tongue shall be solely employed in crying out for mercy ; and my prayers ascend like incense in thy sight. My hands shall be raised up to heaven for pardon ;—my feet shall walk in thy ways, and my heart shall become the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Into thy hands, O dear Jesus, I commend my spirit. In thee, I will live ;—in thee, I will die ;—in thee, I will abide ;—and in thee I hope to possess eternal rest and heavenly joy for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer after Extreme Unction.

O my God, it is by thee that I have been created, redeemed, and sanctified : it is thou that hast preserved me in many dangers both of soul and body : it is thou that hast nourished me with the adorable sacrament of thy body and blood, and granted me

the grace to receive the rites of thy church, preferably to so many others, who are carried off by a sudden death, without being favoured with such succours and graces thou hast bestowed upon me, a most ungrateful sinner. For these, and all thy other blessings, I return thee innumerable thanks. O that I had as many tongues and hearts as there are stars in the heavens,—atoms in the air, and creatures in the universe, how willingly would I employ them all in praising, loving, and glorifying thee! To thee I resign my heart: receive it as a holocaust. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Receive me, O dear Jesus, in thy mercy, into those loving arms which were extended on the cross for my redemption, and admit me into the embraces of thy infinite charity. I desire not to be freed from my pains, since thou knowest what is best for me. Suffer me never to murmur, but grant me patience to bear whatever thou wilt, and as long as thou pleasest. Should it be thy pleasure to inflict greater punishments on my weak body and languishing soul, than I now suffer, my heart is ready, O Lord, to accept them, and to suffer in whatever manner and measure may be most conformable to thy divine will.

This one grace I most humbly beg of thee, my God, that I may die the death of the just, and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory and sinful life, into the kingdom of thy glory, there to see and enjoy thee in the company of the blessed, for a never ending eternity.

Amen.

The Recommendation of a departing Soul.

Lord have mercy on him. (*or her*)

Christ have mercy on him.

Lord have mercy on him.

Holy Mary, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy angels and archangels, *Pray for him.*

Holy Abel, *Pray for him.*

All ye choirs of the just, *Pray for him.*

St. Stephen, *Pray for him.*

Holy Abraham, *Pray for him.*

St. John the Baptist, *Pray for him.*

St. Joseph, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy patriarchs and prophets. *Pray for him.*

St. Peter, *Pray for him.*

St. Paul, *Pray for him.*

St. Andrew, *Pray for him.*

St. John, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy apostles and evangelists, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy disciples of our Lord, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy innocents, *Pray for him.*

St. Lawrence, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy martyrs, *Pray for him.*

St. Silvester, *Pray for him.*

St. Gregory, *Pray for him.*

St. Austin, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy bishops and confessors, *Pray for him.*

St. Benedict, *Pray for him.*

St. Francis, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy monks and hermits, *Pray for him.*

St. Mary Magdalene, *Pray for him.*

St. Lucy, *Pray for him.*

All ye holy virgins and widows, *Pray for him.*

All ye men and women, saints of God, *Intercede for him.*

Be merciful unto him, *Spare him, O Lord.*

Be merciful unto him, *Spare him, O Lord.*

Be merciful unto him, *Spare him, O Lord.*

From thy wrath, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From the danger of eternal death, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From a bad death, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From the pains of hell, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From all evil, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

From the power of the devil, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

In the day of Judgment, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By thy nativity, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By thy cross and passion, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By thy death and burial, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By thy glorious resurrection, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By thy wonderful ascension, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, *Deliver him, O Lord.*

We sinners, *Beseech thee, hear us.*

That thou spare him, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Lord have mercy on him.

Christ have mercy on him.

Lord have mercy on him.

Depart, christian soul, out of this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee: in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for thee: in the name of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified thee: in the name of the angels, archangels, thrones and dominations, cherubim and seraphim: in the name of the patri-

archs and prophets, of the holy apostles and evangelists, of the holy martyrs, confessors, monks and hermits, of the holy virgins, and of all the saints of God ; may thy place be this day in peace, and thy abode in holy Sion ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O merciful and gracious God ; O God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies blottest out the sins of such as repent, and graciously remittest the guilt of their past offences, mercifully regard this thy servant N. and grant him a full discharge from all his sins, who with a contrite heart most earnestly begs it of thee. Renew, O merciful Father, whatever has been vitiated in him by human frailty, or by the frauds and deceits of the enemy : and associate him as a member of redemption to the unity of the body of the church. Have compassion, O Lord, on his sighs, have compassion on his tears ; and admit him, who has no hope but in thy mercy, to the sacrament of reconciliation ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

I recommend thee, dear brother, to the Almighty God, and consign thee to the care of him, whose creature thou art : that, when thou shalt have paid the debt of all mankind by death, thou mayest return to thy maker, who formed thee from the dust of the earth. When therefore thy soul shall depart from thy body, may the resplendent multitude of the angels meet thee : may the court of the apostles receive thee : may the triumphant army of glorious martyrs come out to meet thee : may the splendid company of confessors, clad in their white robes,

encompass thee : may the choir of joyful virgins receive thee : and mayest thou meet with a blessed repose in the bosom of the patriarchs : may Jesus Christ appear to thee with a mild and cheerful countenance, and appoint thee a place amongst those who are to stand before him for ever. Mayest thou be a stranger to all that which is punished with darkness, chastised with flames, and condemned to torments. May the most wicked enemy with all his evil spirits be forced to give way : may he tremble at thy approach in the company of angels, and with confusion fly away into the vast chaos of eternal night. Let God arise and his enemies be dispersed, and let them that hate him fly before his face : let them vanish like smoke ; and as wax that melts before the fire, so let sinners perish in the sight of God ; but may the just rejoice and be happy in his presence.

May then all the legions of hell be confounded and put to shame ; and may none of the ministers of Satan dare to stop thee in thy way. May Christ deliver thee from torments, who was crucified for thee. May he deliver thee from eternal death, who vouchsafed to die for thee. May Jesus Christ the son of the living God place thee in the ever verdant lawns of his paradise : and may he, the true Shepherd, acknowledge thee for one of his flock. May he absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand in the midst of his elect. Mayest thou see thy Redeemer face to face, and standing always in his presence behold with happy eyes the most clear truth. And mayes

thou be placed among the companies of the blessed, and enjoy the sweetness of the contemplation of thy God for ever. *Amen.*

Receive, O Lord, thy servant into the place of salvation which he hopes to obtain through thy mercy.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant from all dangers of hell ; and from all pain and tribulation.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Enoch and Elias from the common death of the world.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Noah from the flood.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Abraham from the midst of the Chaldeans.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Job from all his afflictions.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of this thy servant, as thou deliveredst Isaac from being sacrificed by his father.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Lot from being destroyed in the flames of Sodom.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Moses from the hands of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Daniel from the lion's den.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst the three children from the fiery furnace, and from the hands of an unmerciful king.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Susannah from her false accusers.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst David from the hands of Saul and Goliah.

R. *Amen.*

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, as thou deliveredst Peter and Paul out of prison.

R. *Amen.*

And, as thou deliveredst that blessed virgin and martyr, St. Thecla, from most cruel torments ; so vouchsafe to deliver the soul of this thy servant, and bring it to the participation of thy heavenly joys.

R. *Amen.*

322 RECOMMENDATION OF A DEPARTED SOUL.

When the sick person has expired, say,

Come to his assistance ye saints of God ; meet him ye angels of the Lord ; receive his soul, and present it before the most high God.

P. May Christ, who has called thee, graciously receive thee, and may the angels carry thee to the bosom of Abraham.

C. May they receive his soul, and present it before the most high God.

P. Eternal rest give to him, O Lord ; and may perpetual light shine upon him.

C. May they present it before the most high God.

P. Lord have mercy.

C. Christ have mercy.

P. Lord have mercy. Our Father, &c.

P. And lead us not into temptation :

C. But deliver us from evil.

P. Eternal rest give to him O Lord.

C. And may perpetual light shine upon him.

P. From the gates of hell

C. Deliver his soul, O Lord.

P. May he rest in peace :

C. *Amen.*

P. O Lord hear my prayer :

C. And let my cry come to thee.

P. The Lord be with you :

C. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

To thee, O Lord, we recommend the soul of thy servant N. that, being dead to this world, he may live to thee; and whatever sins he has committed in this life through human frailty, do thou in thy merciful goodness forgive, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD.

A LITANY.

Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

Jesus receive our prayers.

Lord Jesus grant our petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the world, *Have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, *Deliver the souls of the faithful departed.*

O God the Holy Ghost, perfecter of the elect, *Accomplish the bliss of the souls of the faithful departed.*

O sacred Trinity, three persons and one God, *Give rest to the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed Virgin Mary, who, by a special privilege of grace, wast triumphantly assumed into the kingdom of thy Son, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed angels, who ordering aright the first act of your will, were immediately settled in an un-

changeable state of felicity, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed patriarchs, whose spirits were filled with joy, when the desired of all nations brought redemption to your long captivity, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed prophets, who having faithfully attended the coming of the Messiah, were at length refreshed with the happy visit of his own divine person, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

O all you blessed saints, who at the glorious resurrection of your Saviour, were by him translated from the bosom of Abraham to the clear vision of God, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed apostles, who at the last and terrible day shall sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed disciples of our Lord, who following his sacred steps in the narrow path of perfection, went straight on to the heavenly Jerusalem, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed martyrs, who passing through the red sea of your own blood, without journeying through a tedious wilderness, entered immediately into the land of promise, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed confessors, who despising the vanities here below, and placing your affections entirely on the joys above, are already arrived at the full pos-

session of all your wishes, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Blessed virgins, who, watching continually with your lamps prepared, were ready at the first voice of the chaste spouse of heaven, to enter with him into the marriage chamber, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

O all you holy saints, who, not retaining at your death the least irregular adherence to any creature, were perfectly capable of an immediate union with your Creator, *Pray for the souls of the faithful departed.*

Be merciful, O Lord, *and pardon their sins.*

Be merciful, O Lord, *and hear our prayers.*

From the shades of death, where they sit deprived of the blissful light of thy countenance, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From the evils, to which their defective mortifications in this world have exposed them in the other, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From thy anger, which now, too late, they grieve to have provoked by their negligence and ingratitude, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From the bonds of sin, wherein they remain entangled by the disorder of their affections, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From the pains of purgatory, justly inflicted on them as the proper effects of their sins, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From that dreadful prison, whence there is no release till they have paid the utmost farthing, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

From all their torments, incomparably greater than the sharpest pains of this life, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By the multitude of thy mercies, which have always shown compassion on the frailties of human nature, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By the infinite merits of thy death upon the cross, where thou reconciledst the world to thy Father, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By thy victorious descent into hell, to break asunder the chains of death, and free such as were imprisoned, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By thy glorious resurrection from the grave, when thou openedst the kingdom of heaven to all believers, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By thy triumphant ascension into heaven, where thou didst lead captivity captive, and promisedst to prepare a place for thy servants, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

By thy dreadful coming to judge the world, when the works of every one shall be tried by fire, *Deliver them, O Lord.*

We sinners, *Beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to hasten the day of visiting thy faithful detained in the receptacles of sorrow, and transport them to the city of eternal peace, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee to shorten the time of expiation for their sins, and graciously admit them to thy holy sanctuary, where no unclean thing can enter, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That it would please thee, through the prayers and alms of thy church, and especially the inestimable sacrifice of thy holy altar, to receive them to the tabernacles of thy rest, and crown their hopes with everlasting fruition, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the blessed vision of Jesus may comfort them, and the glorious light of his cross shine on them, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That thy holy angels may bring them into the midst of the living, and the glorious queen of saints present them before thy throne, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the venerable patriarchs may meet them, and all the ancient prophets rejoice to see them, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the sacred college of the apostles may open them the gates of bliss, and the victorious army of martyrs conduct them to thy palace, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the blessed company of confessors may place them in seats of eternal glory, and the chaste train of virgins, with heavenly anthems, congratulate their reception, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That the whole triumphant church may celebrate the jubilee of their deliverance : and all the choirs

of angels sing hymns of joy, for their new and never-ending felicity, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

That, in the midst of all these triumphs, the souls that are delivered may themselves adore the glorious author of their happiness, and in their white robes eternally sing "Allelujah; salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb that redeemed us by his blood, and made us kings to reign with him for ever," *We beseech thee, hear us.*

Son of God, *We beseech thee, hear us.*

O Lamb of God, who wilt come with glory to judge the living and the dead, *Give rest to the souls of the faithful departed.*

O Lamb of God, at whose presence the earth shall be moved, and the heavens melt away, *Give rest to the souls of the faithful departed.*

O Lamb of God, in whose blessed book of life all their names are written, *Give eternal rest to the souls of the faithful departed.*

The Antiphon.

Deliver us, O Lord, and all thy faithful, in that day of terror, when the sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall fall down from heaven: in that day of calamity and amazement, when heaven itself shall shake, and the pillars of the earth be moved, and the glorious majesty of Jesus come with innumerable angels, to judge the world with fire.

V. Deliver us, O Lord, in that dreadful day.

R. And place us with the blessed at thy right and for ever.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of the perfect, and in whose holy custody are deposited the souls of all those that depart hence in an inferior degree of thy grace, who being by their imperfect charity rendered unworthy of thy presence, are detained in a state of grace, and suspended hopes ; as we bless thee for the saints already admitted to thy glory, so we humbly offer up our prayers for thy afflicted servants, who continually wait and sigh after the day of their deliverance ; pardon their sins, supply their unpreparedness, and wipe away the tears from their eyes, that they may see thee, and in thy glorious light eternally rejoice, through Jesus Christ, &c.

O eternal God ! who, besides the general precept of charity, hast commanded a particular respect to parents, kindred, and benefactors : grant, we beseech thee, that as they were the instruments, by which thy providence bestowed on us our birth, education, and innumerable other blessings ; so our prayers may be the means to obtain for them a speedy release from their excessive sufferings and free admittance to thy infinite joys, through Jesus, &c.

SUPPLICATIONS BEFORE MASS.

On Sundays and Holydays.

How awful is this place ! this is the house of God and the gate of heaven : vouchsafe to purify us, O Lord, and grant that we may here think of nothing but thee.

P. Let us adore the Lord of glory.

A. *Let us adore the God of our salvation.*

P. The king of heaven inviteth us and graciously calleth us into his sacred presence : to him we owe all the days of our lives ; let us give at least this one to his service.

A. *Let us adore the Lord of glory.*

P. Already are the angels assembled in their choirs above ; and the saints prepared with their hymns ; behold now the church also prepareth her solemn offices, and summoneth all her children to bring in their tribute of prayer and praise.

A. *Let us adore the God of our salvation.*

P. Come, let us rejoice before the Lord ; let us sing joyfully to God our Saviour ; let us make haste to approach his presence and proclaim his praises : for the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods ; in his hands are all the ends of the earth.

A. *Let us adore the God that made us.*

P. Let us adore, and fall down, and lament before the Lord that created us ; for he is the Lord our God, and we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

A. *Let us adore and fall down before him.*

P. To-day, if you shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts, but listen awfully to his word, and bend your knees before his holy altars.

A. *We will adore the Lord of glory, we will worship the God of our salvation.*

A devout Supplication.

And now, O God, calling to mind, with the greatest gratitude, the blessed passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ; as also his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven; we prepare to offer thy divine Majesty a pure, holy, and spotless victim, for so thou hast ordained it, the holy bread of eternal life, and the cup of our salvation. Look down therefore, O Lord, upon them with a propitious and serene countenance, and accept them, as thou wast pleased to accept the offerings of thy righteous servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our father Abraham, and that which thy high priest Melchisedec, offered to thee, a holy sacrifice, and a spotless victim. *Amen.*

An Act of Resignation to the will of God in calling those whom we loved out of this World.

O God, who art good and merciful, and knowest the infirmity of our nature, forgive the tears I shed, and the sorrows I feel, at the loss and remembrance of thy deceased servant, whom I most sincerely loved: it is not that I resist, or call in question thy divine will, which is just and equitable. No, great and beneficent Creator; thou who gavest,

hadst a right to take away. I submissively obey ; blessed be thy name for ever. Death is the only means of coming to thee, who art our beginning and last end. When called upon, vouchsafe that I may be found worthy to partake of the society of the elect, and of the joy of thy kingdom. Grant the same grace to those unhappy persons, who permitting themselves to be carried away by the false charms of a deceitful world, for want of consideration, are too apt to be lulled asleep, till they are overtaken by an untimely death. Hear this my petition, O most bountiful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Introit.

Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest : and may perpetual light shine upon him.

PSALM 64. A Hymn becometh thee, O Lord, in Sion ; and to thee shall a vow be performed in Jerusalem : hear my prayer, to thee shall all flesh come.

Grant him, O Lord, eternal rest ; and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

A COLLECT.

O God, whose peculiar property is always to have mercy, and to spare, we humbly beseech thee for the soul of thy servant N. which thou hast called out of the world, that thou wouldst not de-

liver it into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it unto the end ; but command it to be received by thy holy angels, and to be carried to Paradise, its true country : that as in thee it had faith and hope, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but may take possession of everlasting joys ; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For a Person lately dead.

THE EPISTLE, 1 THESS. IV. 12.

Brethren : we would not have you ignorant concerning those that sleep ; that you be not sorrowful like others, who have no hope ; for, if we believe that Jesus died, and rose again : even so, those who have slept in Jesus, will God bring with him. For this we declare to you in the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who remain to the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have slept. For the Lord himself shall come down from heaven, at the signal and voice of an angel, and at the sound of the trumpet of God : and the dead, who are in Christ, shall rise first. Then we, who are alive, and remain, shall be caught up with them into the clouds, to meet Christ in the air ; and so shall we be for ever with the Lord. Therefore, comfort ye one another with these words.

On an Anniversary Day.

THE EPISTLE, 2 MACC. XII. 43.

In those days : Judas, the valiant Commander, having made a collection, sent twelve thousand pieces of silver to Jerusalem, to have sacrifices offered for the sins of those that were dead : having

good and religious thoughts concerning the resurrection: (for if he had not believed that they who were slain would rise again, it would have been fruitless and vain to pray for the dead) and because he considered, that such as made a pious end had much grace stored up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins.

The Gradual.

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

PSALM 3. The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings.

The Tract.

Release, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed, from the bonds of their sins, and by the assistance of thy grace, may they escape the sentence of condemnation; and enjoy the bliss of eternal light.

Awful Doomsday, day of anger

Shall the world to ashes crumble,

Witness David's words and Sybil's.

Great shall be the general terror,

When the mighty Judge is coming,

Sifting every thing in rigour,

Loud the awful trumpet sounding,

'Thro' the graves where nations slumber,

Calleth all to the tribunal.

Death and nature shall be awe-struck,

While the trembling creature rising.

Hastens to his Lord to answer.

The written book shall then be opened,
Wherein every thing is noted,
Whence we shall receive our judgment.

Therefore when the Judge is seated,
Hidden things shall be unfolded,
Nothing shall remain unpunished.

Wretched I ! what shall I answer !
Who shall then become my patron,
When the good shall scarce find safety !

Awful King of might and greatness,
Freely saving all thy faithful,
Save me too, thou source of pity.

Kindest Jesus, then be mindful
How for me thou once didst travel ;
Do not on that day reject me.

Seeking me, fatigue thou borest ;
Crucified, didst pay my ransom ;
Let not so much toil be fruitless.

Just and awful Judge of vengeance,
Grant all sinners thy forgiveness,
Ere the day of retribution.

I sigh, conscious of my treason,
Guilty glows my cheek with blushes ;
Grant a suppliant sinner pardon.

Thou didst pardon weeping Mary ;
Didst forgive the thief repenting ;
And to me hast hope extended.

Though my prayers are most unworthy,
Thou art good ; O kindly save,
From the everlasting burning.

Grant me with thy sheep a station ;
On thy right hand kindly place me,
From the herd of goats asunder.

When the cursed are confounded,
Doomed to dwell in bitter torment,
Summon me amid thy blessed.

Bruised is my heart like embers ;
Lowly bent I humbly pray thee,
Take my end into thy keeping.

On that day of tearful mourning,
When shall rise from glowing ashes
Guilty man to meet his judgment :

Grant, O God, thy mercy to him,
Kindest Jesus, our Redeemer,
Grant them everlasting rest. *Amen.*

The Gospel. John, XI. 21.

At *that* time : Martha said to Jesus : Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. And I know, that even now, whatsoever thou shalt ask of God, God will grant it to thee. Jesus said to her ; thy brother shall rise again. Martha said to him ; I know that he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day. Jesus said to her ; I am the resurrection and the life ; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this ? She saith to him ; Yea, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God, who art come into the world.

THE OFFERTORY.

Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, deliver the souls of the faithful departed, from the flames of hell, and from the Lion's mouth, lest hell swallow them, lest they fall into darkness: and may the standard-bearer, *St. Michael*, bring them into thy holy light; which thou didst promise of old to *Abraham* and his posterity: we offer thee, O Lord, a sacrifice of praise and prayers; accept them in behalf of the souls whom we this day commemorate: and may they pass from death to that life, which thou promisedst of old to *Abraham* and his posterity.

AT THE OBLATION.

O God, what victim can possibly be more capable of appeasing thy justice than what we are going to offer? It is a commemoration of thy beloved Son's bloody sacrifice on the cross. As that disarmed thy anger, and induced thee to recall the sentence of condemnation pronounced against mankind, so graciously grant, that this may atone for the imperfections of *him*, for whom it is offered! that *his* soul being released from the flames which surround it, may be received into thy kingdom, and through the merits of the passion and death of *his* divine Redeemer, possess eternal joys.

O all bountiful Jesus, who art the propitiation of the living and the dead; what thanks are due to thee for leaving us this divine sacrifice, and making it available to the souls of the faithful departed? Mercifully grant that *he* for whom it is this day offered up, being released from his pains, may

shortly prove a powerful advocate in heaven for us, who now intercede for *him* on earth. *Amen.*

A COLLECT.

Have mercy, O Lord, we beseech thee, on the soul of thy servant N. for whom we offer up this victim of praise, humbly beseeching thy Majesty, that, by this propitiatory sacrifice, *he* may arrive at eternal rest, through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, &c.

AT THE PREFACE.

It is truly meet and charitable, it is a holy and wholesome thought, that we address thee, O Lord God omnipotent, in behalf of those who have departed this life, that thou wouldst grant them a place of rest and eternal happiness. O Jesus, who, dying for mankind, didst arise again glorious and immortal from the dead; who ascending into heaven, didst triumph over death, and lead captivity captive; who art to descend in great power and majesty to judge the living and the dead: we humbly beseech thee in favor of the soul recommended this day to thy mercy: may it partake of those joys, which the eye hath not seen, the ear hath not heard, and of which no idea hath entered into the heart of man. There, amidst the elect and celestial choirs, may it proclaim, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth: the heavens and the earth are full of thy glory! Hosannah in the highest; blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosannah in the highest.

AT THE CANNON.

We recommend to thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant N. ; and we beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, that as in mercy to him thou didst become man, so now thou wilt vouchsafe to admit him into thy heavenly kingdom. Remember, O Lord, he is thy creature : not made by strange Gods, but by thee, the only living and true God : for there is no other God but thee, and none that can equal thy works. May his soul rejoice in thy presence, and remember not his former iniquities and excesses, which he has fallen into, through the violence of passion and the corruption of his nature. For although he has sinned, yet he has always firmly believed in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost ; he has had a zeal for thy honour, and has faithfully adored thee as his God and his Creator. Remember not, O Lord, the sins of his youth, and his ignorances, but according to thy great mercy be mindful of him in thy heavenly glory. May the heavens be opened to receive him, and the angels rejoice to meet him. May the archangel Michael, the prince of the heavenly armies, conduct him. May thy holy angels accompany him to thy throne. May St. Peter, to whom thou gavest the keys of the kingdom of heaven, admit him into thy church triumphant : may St. Paul the apostle, who was a vessel of election, who carried the saving doctrines of thy word to distant nations, present him before thee : may St. John the beloved disciple, to whom the secrets of heaven were revealed, intercede for

him. May all the holy Apostles, who received from thee the power of binding and of loosening, pray for him. May all the saints and elect of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for him; that being freed from the prison of his body, he may be admitted into the glory of thy heavenly kingdom, through the grace and merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

And now, all-powerful God, at this important moment, when, by the words of consecration, thy Son is actually present, I offer up to thee this same beloved Son, who died for mankind; and humbly entreat thee, through the infinite merits of his death, to show compassion for the soul of N., for whose repose this holy sacrifice is this day offered.

At the Elevation of the Sacred Host.

All hail! most blessed Jesus: Son of the most high God, be merciful to *him*.

Thou that expiredst on the cross, give rest to *his* soul.

To whom shall we apply but to thee, who hast the words of life, to shorten *his* sufferings, and give *him* eternal rest?

At the Elevation of the Chalice.

Hail sacred blood, that flowed for the sins of the world; wash away whatever stain may render thy servant unfit to be admitted into heaven.

Good and merciful God, look on the face of thy Christ, and permit a soul, for which he suffered, to rest eternally in thy divine presence.

After the Elevation continue to solicit Christ in behalf of the deceased.

Lord Jesus Christ, we beseech thee, by thy bitter agony and prayer in the garden, that thou wouldst be pleased to be an advocate with thy eternal Father in behalf of this thy servant: lay before him all those drops of blood which in thy anguish of spirit flowed from thy body, and offer them for an atonement, that so *he* may be discharged from all the punishment still due to the divine Justice.

Lord Jesus Christ, who wast pleased to suffer death on the cross for us, we humbly beseech thee, to offer up all that anguish and pain which thou then didst endure, and most especially at the time of thy death, in behalf of thy servant, that they may be accepted for the good of *his* soul, and for a release from that punishment which still remains due for *his* sins.

Lord Jesus Christ, who hadst such love for us, as to become man for our salvation; we beseech thee, to represent to thy eternal Father this thy charity and goodness; urge it in behalf of thy servant; plead *his* cause, that, by such powerful mediation, *he* may be freed from *his* confinement, and find the gates of life open to receive him.

Lord and Saviour, grant *him* now to partake of the fruit of thy holy incarnation, of thy bitter passion, of thy glorious resurrection, and admirable ascension. Grant he may be sensible of the effects of this holy sacrifice, and of all the prayers which are offered to thee by the whole church.

Remember, O Jesus, that thy arms were stretched forth upon the cross, that in thy extremity thou didst cry out to thy eternal Father, commending thy spirit to him ; have regard now, we beseech thee, to the soul of this thy servant, which in a state of suffering seeks refuge in thee ; receive it into thy arms, give it shelter in thy breast, and there let it hide itself, secured from all molestation, till the anger of God be appeased. Into thy hand we commend *his* spirit, which has been created and redeemed by thee ; despise not, we beseech thee, the work of thy hands.

O Jesus, entertain no other thoughts but of peace, of mercy, of comfort, and not of affliction. By that love which brought thee from heaven, and by the infinite merits of thy death, have compassion on the soul of thy servant, satisfy for all his failings, and supply *his* defects ; let *him* now experience the multitude of thy tender mercies, and make *him* sensible how good *his* Lord is : and since *he* can do nothing to help himself, speak thou for *him*, we beseech thee, who art the eternal word, and to whom the Father can refuse nothing.

At the Pater noster, say with the Priest. Our Father, who art in Heaven, &c.

After the Pater noster.

O God, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech thee, not to forget the soul of thy servant N. but command it to be received into the hands of thy holy angels, who will convey it to the abodes of rest and peace : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

At the Agnus Dei, say with the Priest.

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *give him rest.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *give him rest.*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *give him eternal rest.*

From the Agnus Dei to the Communion.

O eternal God, behold here on this altar, as on the cross, thy only Son, the beloved object of thy complacency ! to appease thy anger, he sacrifices his own body and blood : that body which was torn with stripes and covered with wounds ; that blood which was shed to wash away the sins of the world. He immolates himself with the same excess of pity and love, as he did on Mount Calvary. O, let not so much goodness be shewn in vain, but permit some portion of such infinite merit to be applied to the relief of thy servant, if in a state of suffering : and, being admitted to thy presence, there let *him* bless and praise thee for ever.

The flames that surround *him* are not more active than his ardour to see thee. “ When shall I,” he says, “ behold thee, O God ! when shall I see thee in the land of the living ? Till then, I sigh and bewail my banishment, desiring continually to be with thee ! How happy are they who are admitted into thy eternal kingdom ? They see, love, and enjoy thee for ever ; they are inebriated with the plenty of thy house ! But here I burn in flames, lying in darkness, and at a distance from

the light of heaven ! O you who are yet living, you, at least, my relations and friends, intercede for me ! your prayers will be heard. O blessed angels and saints, make intercession for me. O when shall I be of your happy society ? As the hart panteth after the fountains of water, so my soul panteth after thee. O God ! my soul, parched up, thirsts after the living spring ; O when shall I come, and appear before the face of my God !' Such are the longings of this suffering soul : O infinitely bountiful and compassionate God, thou canst put an end to *his* banishment, of which every moment seems an age. Let *him* drink of the living water *for* which *he* so ardently thirsts : fill *his* hungry soul with good things : bestow the inheritance purchased for *him* by *his* Redeemer. Draw aside the veil which hides thy amiable countenance ; for what in heaven does *he* desire, but to contemplate, praise and love thee, *his* sovereign good, for ever.

THE COMMUNION.

May eternal light shine upon *him*, O Lord, together with thy saints for ever : for thou art merciful. Grant *him*, O Lord, eternal rest, and may perpetual light shine upon *him*, together with thy saints for ever.

POST COMMUNION.

Grant, O Almighty God, we beseech thee, that the soul of thy servant N. which hath departed this life, being purified and freed from sin by thi

sacrifice, may obtain both forgiveness and eternal rest, through our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.

May they rest in peace. *Amen.*

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. *Amen.*

At the last Gospel.

Now may the bright company of angels meet thy soul; may the court of the apostles receive thee; the triumphant army of glorious martyrs conduct thee, and a happy rest be thy portion in the company of the patriarchs; may Jesus Christ appear to thee with a mild and cheerful countenance, and give thee a place among those who are to be in his presence for ever.

May thy God arise and put thy enemies to flight. May they vanish like smoke, and, as wax before the fire, so let them perish. May all the reprobate minions of hell be filled with confusion and shame: but the just and elect rejoice and be happy in the presence of God. Mayest thou be of that blessed number. May Christ Jesus be thy deliverer, who was crucified for thee. May Christ Jesus rescue thee from torments, who lovingly died for thee. May Christ Jesus, Son of the living God, place thee in his garden of Paradise; and may he, the true shepherd, own thee for one of his flock; may he liberate thee from confinement, and place thee at his right hand in the inheritance of his elect. We pray it may be thy happy lot to behold thy Redeemer face to face, to be ever in his presence and in the vision of that truth, which is the

joy of the blessed. And once placed among those happy spirits, mayest thou be for ever filled with heavenly sweetness. *Amen.*

BURIAL SERVICE.

Anthem.

If thou shalt observe iniquities, O Lord ; Lord, who shall endure it.

PSALM 129.

From the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord ; Lord, hear my voice.

May thine ears be attentive to the voice of my petition.

If thou, O Lord, shalt observe iniquities ; Lord, who shall endure it ?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness, and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word : my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning-watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy : and with him there is a plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. Eternal rest give to him, O Lord.

And may perpetual light shine upon him.

Anthem.—If thou shalt observe iniquities, O Lord ; Lord, who shall endure it.

Anthem.

The bones that have been humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

PSALM 50.—*Miserere.*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee, that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities, and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth; the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God; and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face ; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ; and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways ; and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation, and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips ; and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it ; with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit : a contrite and humble heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in thy good will with *Sion*, that the walls of *Jerusalem* may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt-offerings : then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Eternal rest give to him, O Lord.

And may a perpetual light shine upon him.

Anthem.

The bones that have been humbled shall rejoice in the Lord.

Come to his assistance ye saints of God ; meet him ye angels of the Lord ; receive his soul, and present it before the most high God.

P. May Christ, who has called thee, graciously receive thee, and may the angels carry thee to the bosom of Abraham.

C. May they receive his soul, and present it before the most high God.

P. Eternal rest give to him, O Lord ; and may perpetual light shine upon him.

C. May they present it before the most high God.

P. Lord have mercy.

C. Christ have mercy.

P. Lord have mercy. Our Father, &c.

P. And lead us not into temptation :

C. But deliver us from evil.

P. Eternal rest give to him O Lord.

C. And may perpetual light shine upon him.

P. From the gates of hell

C. Deliver his soul, O Lord.

P. May he rest in peace :

C. *Amen.*

P. O Lord hear my prayer ;

C. And let my cry come to thee.

P. The Lord be with you

C. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

Absolve, O Lord, we beseech thee, the soul of thy servant N. from all the chains of sin, that when he shall rise again, he may live among thy saints and elect in the glory of the resurrection : through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord, because in thy sight no one shall be justified, unless thou grantest him the remission of all his sins. Therefore we beseech thee not to pass sentence of thy judgment on him, whom true supplication of christian faith recommends to thee : but may he deserve, by thy assisting grace, to escape the sentence of condemnation, because, whilst he lived, he was signed with the seal of the holy Trinity, who livest and reignest world without end.

C. *Amen.*

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that dreadful day, when the heavens and the earth shall be moved, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

I tremble and fear at the approach of the examination and of the wrath to come, when the heavens and the earth shall be moved, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

That day is the day of anger, calamity, and misery, a great day, and very bitter, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

P. Eternal rest give to him, O Lord :

C. And may perpetual light shine upon him.

P. Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death in that dreadful day, when the heavens and the earth shall be moved, when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

P. Lord have mercy :

C. Christ have mercy :

P. Lord have mercy: Our Father, &c. (*audibly*)

P. And lead us not into temptation.

C. But deliver us from evil.

P. From the gates of hell,

C. Deliver his soul, O Lord.

P. May he rest in peace :

C. *Amen.*

P. O Lord, hear my prayer ;

C. And let my cry come to thee.

P. The Lord be with you :

C. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

O God, whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech thee for the soul of thy servant N. which this day thou hast taken out of the world, that thou wilt not deliver it into the hands of the enemy, nor forget it for ever; but command the holy angels to receive it, and conduct it to Paradise, our true country; that since it believed and hoped in thee, it may not suffer the pains of hell, but may possess eternal joys, through Christ our Lord.—C. *Amen.*

Whilst the Corpse is carried to the Grave, the Priest says :

May the angels conduct thee into Paradise : may the martyrs receive thee in thy coming, and lead thee into the holy city of Jerusalem ; may the choir of angels receive thee, and mayest thou have eternal life with Lazarus, who was formerly poor.

ANTHEM.

I am the resurrection and the life ; whosoever believeth in me, though he be dead, shall live : and every one who liveth, and believeth in me, shall not die for ever.

THE CANTICLE.

Benedictus.—Luke i. 68.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because he hath visited and wrought the redemption of his people :

And hath raised up a horn of salvation to us, in the house of David his servant :

As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets, who have been from the beginning :

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hands of all that hate us :

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant :

According to the oath which he swore to Abraham our Father, that he would grant to us.

That being delivered from the hand of our enemies, we might serve him without fear.

In holiness and justice before him, all our days.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

To give the knowledge of salvation to his people, unto the remission of their sins :

Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient from on high hath visited us.

To enlighten them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : to direct our feet into the ways of peace.

Eternal rest, &c.

Anthem.—I am the resurrection, &c.

P. Lord have mercy :

C. Christ have mercy :

P. Lord have mercy : Our Father, &c.

P. And lead us not into temptation :

C. But deliver us from evil.

P. From the gates of hell,

C. Deliver his soul, O Lord.

P. May he rest in peace :

C. *Amen.*

P. O Lord hear my prayer :

C. And let my cry come to thee.

P. The Lord be with you :

C. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, this mercy to thy departed servant, that as he wished to obey thy will, he may not receive the punishment due to his sins; that as true faith united him here to the company of the faithful: so may thy mercy now unite him to the choirs of angels, through Christ our Lord.

C. *Amen.*

P. Eternal rest give to him, O Lord:

C. And may perpetual light shine upon him.

P. May he rest in peace:

C. *Amen.*

P. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

C. *Amen.*

Returning from the Burial, the Priest and his ministers repeat the Anthem: If thou shalt observe iniquities, O Lord; Lord, who shall endure it: before and after the 129th Psalm, From the depths, &c. Page 346.

BURIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.

ANTHEM.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth, now, and for ever.

PSALM cxii.—*Laudate pueri.*

Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth, now, and for ever.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations: and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, and looketh down on the low things in heaven and on earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor from the dunghill.

That he may place him with princes, with the princes of his people.

Who maketh barren woman to dwell in a house the joyful mother of children. Glory, &c.

ANTHEM.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth, now, and for ever.

P. Lord have mercy.

C. Christ have mercy.

P. Lord have mercy: Our Father, &c.

P. And lead us not into temptation:

C. But deliver us from evil.

P. But me thou hast received on account of my innocence.

C. And hast confirmed me in thy sight for ever.

P. The Lord be with you :

C. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

Almighty and most gracious God, who bestowest eternal life on all little ones, regenerated in the font of baptism, as soon as they depart out of this world, as we believe thou hast now done to this child : grant, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the intercession of blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, and of all thy saints, that we may serve thee here with minds undefiled by sin, and may be eternally associated with blessed children in Paradise, through Christ our Lord :

C. *Amen.*

Going to the Grave the Priest says :

ANTHEM.

Young men and maidens, let the old with the younger praise the name of the Lord.

Psalm cxlviii. Alleluia.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens : praise ye him in the high places.

Praise ye him all his angels : praise ye him all his hosts.

Praise ye him, O sun and moon : praise him all ye stars and light.

Praise him ye heavens of heavens : and may all the waters that are above the heavens praise the name of the Lord.

For he spoke, and they were made : he commanded, and they were created.

He hath established them for ever, and for ages of ages ; he hath made a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all ye deeps.

Fire, hail, snow, ice ; stormy winds which fulfil his word.

Mountains and all hills ; fruitful trees and all cedars.

Beasts and all cattle ; serpents and feathered fowls.

Kings of the earth and all people ; princes, and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens ; let the old with the younger praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

The praise of him is above heaven and earth ; and he hath exalted the horn of his people.

A hymn to all his saints : to the children of *Israel*, a people approaching to him. Glory, &c.

ANTHEM.

Young men and maidens ; let the old with the younger praise the name of the Lord.

P. Lord have mercy :

C. Christ have mercy :

P. Lord have mercy : Our Father, &c.

P. And lead us not into temptation :

C. But deliver us from evil.

P. Suffer little children to come unto me :

C. For of such is the kingdom of heaven.

P. The Lord be with you :

C. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

Almighty and everlasting God, the lover of holy purity, who hast mercifully deigned, this day, to call the soul of this child to the kingdom of heaven ; deign likewise, O Lord, to treat us so mercifully, that by the merits of thy passion and the intercession of blessed Mary ever a Virgin, and of all thy saints, thou mayest make us rejoice always with all thy saints and elect ; who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

C. *Amen.*

Returning from the Burial, the Priest and his ministers repeat the Canticle of the three Children.

ANTHEM.

Bless the Lord, all ye his elect, celebrate days of joy and give praise to him.

*The Benedicite ; or Canticle of the three Children,
Daniel iii.*

All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless the Lord : O ye heavens bless the Lord.

O all ye waters that are above the heavens, bless the Lord : O all ye powers of the Lord, bless the Lord.

O ye sun and moon, bless the Lord ; O ye stars of heaven, bless the Lord.

O every shower and dew, bless the Lord ; O all ye spirits of God, bless the Lord.

O ye fire and heat, bless the Lord ; O ye cold and heat, bless the Lord.

O ye dews and hoary frosts, bless the Lord ; O ye frost and cold, bless the Lord.

O ye ice and snow, bless the Lord ; O ye nights and days, bless the Lord.

O ye light and darkness, bless the Lord ; O ye lightnings and clouds, bless the Lord.

O let the earth bless the Lord ; let it praise and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye mountains and hills, bless the Lord ; O all ye things that spring up in the earth, bless the Lord.

O ye fountains, bless the Lord ; O ye seas and rivers, bless the Lord.

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless the Lord ; O all ye fowls of the air, bless the Lord.

O all ye beasts and cattle, bless the Lord ; O ye sons of men, bless the Lord.

O let Israel bless the Lord ; let them praise him, and exalt him above all for ever.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless the Lord ; O ye servants of the Lord, bless the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord ; O ye holy and humble of heart, bless the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father and the Son, with the Holy Ghost : let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven ; and worthy of praise, and glorious, and magnified for ever.

ANTHEM.

Bless the Lord, all ye his elect, celebrate days of joy and give praise to him.

DEVOTIONS FOR SUNDAYS AND HOLYDAYS.

The Hymn.—Te Deum. Page 94.

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PSALM xcix.

Sing joyfully to God all the earth : serve ye the Lord with gladness.

Come in before his presence with exceeding great joy.

Know ye that the Lord is God : he made us and not we ourselves.

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Go ye into his gates with praise, into his courts with hymns, and give glory to him.

Praise ye his name, for the Lord is good : his mercy endureth for ever, and his truth to generation and generation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm 102. Bless the Lord. Page 101.

Psalm 116. Praise the Lord all ye nations. Page 16.

PSALM cxxxvii.

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart ; for thou hast heard the words of my mouth.

I will sing praise to thee in the sight of the angels ; I will worship towards thy holy temple, and I will give glory to thy name.

For thy mercy and for thy truth ; thou hast magnified thy holy name above all.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me : thou shalt multiply strength in my soul.

May all the kings of the earth give glory to thee, O Lord ; for they have heard all the words of thy mouth.

And may they sing in the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For the Lord is high, and looketh on the low ; and the high he knoweth afar off.

If I shall walk in the midst of tribulation, thou wilt quicken me: and thou hast stretched forth thy hand against the wrath of my enemies: and thy right hand hath saved me.

The Lord will repay for me. Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever. O despise not the works of thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Psalm 148. Page 356.

PSALM CL.

Praise ye the Lord in his holy places; praise ye him in the firmament of his power.

Praise ye him for his mighty acts; praise ye him according to the multitude of his greatness.

Praise him with the sound of trumpet; praise him with psaltery and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and choir; praise him with strings and organs.

Praise him on high-sounding cymbals; praise him on cymbals of joy: let every spirit praise the Lord. Glory, &c.

The Canticle of Zacharias. Page 352.

THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

ANTHEM.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents, and take not revenge on our sins.

PSALM vi.—*Domine ne in furore.*

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak ! heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly : but thou, O Lord, how long ?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul ; O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death that is mindful of thee, and who shall confess thee in hell.

I have laboured in my groanings ; every night I will wash my bed, I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation ; I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

Depart from me all ye workers of iniquity ; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication ; the Lord hath received my prayer.

May all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled ; may they be turned back and be ashamed very speedily. Glory, &c.

PSALM xxxi. *Beati quorum.*

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent, my bones grew old ; whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me : I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sin to thee : and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said, I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord ; and thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy, pray to thee in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me : my joy, deliver me from those that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way in which thou shalt go : I will fix my eyes upon thee.

Do not become like the horse and the mule, who have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast the jaws of those who come not near unto thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just, and glory all ye right of heart. Glory, &c.

PSALM XXXVIII. *Domine ne in furore.*

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

For thy arrows are fastened in me, and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath : there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over my head, and as a heavy burden are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end : I walked sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions ; and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly ; I roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before thee ; and my groaning is not hidden from thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me ; and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbours have drawn near, and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off ; and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me, spoke vain things ; and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not ; and was as a dumb man, not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not ; and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped ; thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I have said, let not my enemies rejoice over me at any time : and whilst my feet are moved, they spoke great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges ; and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity ; and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I ; and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God : do not thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation. Glory, &c.

PSALM 1. Have mercy on me, &c. Page 347.

PSALM ci. *Domino exaudi.*

Hear, O Lord, my prayer, and let my cry come to thee.

Turn not away thy face from me ; in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke ; and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered, because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like a pelican of the wilderness : I am like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow all alone on the house top.

All the day long my enemies reproached me, and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thy anger and indignation, for having lifted me up thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow ; and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever ; and thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion ; for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants, and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion ; and he shall be seen in his glory.

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble and he hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation ; and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary ; from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That he might hear the groans of those that are in fetters ; that he might release the children of the slain.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion, and his praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assemble together, and kings, to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength : declare unto me the small number of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days : thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the earth ; and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou remainest ; and all of them shall grow old like a garment.

And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed : but thou art always the same, and thy years shall not fail.

The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be directed for ever. Glory, &c.

PSALM CXXIX. From the depths. Page 346.

PSALM cxlii. *Domine exaudi.*

Hear, O Lord, my prayer ; give ear to my supplication in thy truth ; hear me in thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant ; for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul, he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been dead of old ; and my spirit is in anguish within me, my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old, I meditated on all thy works : I mused upon the works of thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to thee : my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord ; my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto those that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee have I hoped.

Make the way known to me wherein I should walk ; for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord : to thee have I fled ; teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right way : for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble ; and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And thou wilt cut off all those that afflict my soul ; for I am thy servant. Glory, &c.

ANTHEM.

Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents ; and take not revenge on our sins.

FOR THE QUEEN.

May the Lord hear thee in the day of distress ; may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee.

May he send thee help from his sanctuary, and from out of Sion defend thee.

May he remember all thy sacrifices ; and may thy burnt-offering be acceptable.

May he give unto thee according to thy heart's desire, and confirm all thy counsels.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God will we glory.

May the Lord fulfil all thy requests ; now I know that the Lord hath saved his anointed.

He will hear him from his holy heaven : the salvation of his right hand is powerful.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses : but we will call on the name of the Lord our God.

They are fettered and are fallen ; but we are risen and are set upright.

O Lord, save the King, and hear us in the day when we shall call upon thee.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

O Lord, save Victoria our Queen :

A. *And hear us in the day when we shall call upon thee.*

LET US PRAY.

O God, by whom Kings reign, and the princes of the earth exercise their power ; O God, who art the strength and support of those kingdoms that serve thee : mercifully hear our prayers, and defend thy servant Victoria our Queen from all dangers ; and grant that her safety may conduce to the peace and welfare of thy people. Through, &c.

ANTHEM.

*For the First Sunday in Advent and until after
Candlemas-day.*

Alma Redemptoris mater, quæ pervia cœli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti
Surgere qui curat populo tu quæ genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem.
Virgo prius ac posterius Gabrielis ab ore
Sumens illud ave peccatorum miserere.

V. Angelus Domini nunciavit Mariæ :

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

OREMUS.

Gratiam tuam, quæsumus Domine, mentibus
nostris infunde ; ut qui, angelo nunciante, Christi

Filii tui Incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur : per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

After Advent.

V. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei genetrix intercede pro nobis.

OREMUS.

Deus, qui salutis æternæ, beatæ Mariæ virginitate fœcunda, humano generi præmia præstitisti : tribue quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus auctorem vitæ suscipere. Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum Filium tuum.—*R. Amen.*

From Candlemas-day till Easter.

Ave Regina cœlorum.

Ave Domina Angelorum.

Salve radix, salve porta

Ex qua mundo lux est orta.

Gaude Virgo gloriosa

Super omnes speciosa.

Vale, O valde decora,

Et pro nobis Christum exora.

V. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo sacrata.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

OREMUS.

Concede, misericors Deus, fragilitati nostræ præsidium; ut qui sanctæ Dei genitricis memoriam

agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilio, a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus: per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.—*R. Amen.*

At Easter and until Trinity Sunday.

Regina cœli lætare alleluia :
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Gaude et lætare virgo Maria, alleluia :

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

OREMUS.

Deus, qui, per resurrectionem Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es: præsta quæsumus, ut per ejus genitricem virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ; per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday till Advent.

Salve Regina, mater misericordiæ; vita, dulcedo et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus exules, filii Hevæ. Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes in hac lacrymarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte; et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui nobis post hoc exilium ostende, O clemens, O pia, O dulcis virgo Maria.

V. Ora pro nobis sancta Dei Genitrix.

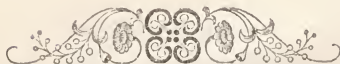
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi

OREMUS.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ virginis matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto cooperante præparasti: da ut cujus commemoratione lætamur, ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetua liberemur: per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.—*R. Amen.*

Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.



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